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WHEN DREAMS AND LAWS COLLIDE - City Sues Residents Over Code Violations

By Susan Henderson

In December 2010, the City of Sierra Madre asked the Los Angeles Superior Court for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against residents Jeff and Taryn Hildreth and The Sterling Oak, their business. The request, according to court documents was the result of the Hildreth's repeated failure to comply with requests to bring the property up to code and stop any construction without the proper permits. According to the documents filed, there are at least 29 code violations. At that time, a Temporary Restraining Order was issued by the court.

On January 24, 2011, the court issued a Preliminary Injunction ordering that the Hildreth's "be enjoined from maintaining any violations of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code"; be prohibited from "undertaking any grading or other construction without permits from the city"; "provide the city with all required construction documents"; and prohibits the Hildreth's from maintaining "any legal nuisance at the property".

The injunction allows for the Hildreth's to correct all of the code violations "to either legalize their alterations and other construction at the property or in the alternative, remove the illegal conditions". They must also get their plans approved, commence work within 10 days of the approval, have the work done by

licensed professionals and "must allow inspections of the property".

The Hildreth's have been struggling with this property for about 10 years. Initially, when the property was purchased, their intent was to put in a Wine Bar and Art Gallery. They were issued a Conditional Use Permit in 1999. At that time, the area in which the property is located, East Montecito, appeared to be developing as a trendy artist/commercial area.

The development of East Montecito has been a bone of contention with many residents for years.

According to a recent article in the LA Times, Hildreth, who has a construction and urban planning background, and his wife Taryn said, "We've begged in letters, just meet with us and tell us what we can do," Taryn Hildreth, 51, said. "One day it's a code violation and the next day it's a planning issue. They haven't told us what the real issue is."

So, What's The Real Problem?

"It's been a code enforcement matter that's basically been escalating," said Danny Castro, director of development services for Sierra Madre. And that is basically it.

The Hildreth's dilemma has spanned at least the last two administrations in City Hall. This reporter had a conversation with the couple over five years ago, in which they indicated their inability to get the necessary approvals from then City



One of the issues in the city's lawsuit is the deck constructed by the Hildreth's (pictured above) which extends over the sidewalk and is in violation of city regulations.

Manager John Gillison and staff.

Since then, it appears, the Hildreth's decided to proceed with the construction needed for their wine bar and cellar without permits. A few months ago, they constructed a deck (shown above) which extends over the sidewalk. In the docu-

ments filed in court, and as referenced in the LA Times article, they began digging under the house to create the 'wine cellar'.

The couple has 30 days to comply with the city's demands. If so, perhaps they will be able to see their dream become a reality.

LANDSBERG TO RECEIVE SERVICE AWARD

Sierra Madrean Hank Landsberg, known of late for his tireless efforts at making the Emergency Radio Station a reality, has been nominated to receive the Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award.

The Award is bestowed upon a citizen who makes extraordinary contributions to the community.

Landsberg, Found and President of Henry Engineering, used his professional expertise as the Project Manager for the Emergency Radio Station project to save the city thousands of dollars. The station, which operates at 1630 AM, is licensed to not only broadcast emergency conditions, but also to announce community events and notices when no emergency is present. His melodic voice can be heard announcing events on the station 24 hours a day.

Landsberg's nomination is not only the result of his work on the radio project, but also for his volunteer work as a Kiwanian and volunteer efforts in Sierra Madre. He is a Kiwanis Past President and worked for years on Sierra Madre's 4th of July committee.

The award will be presented at the Kiwanis Governor's Dinner on March 20th at the Glendale Country Club. Tickets are \$40. Contact Susan Henderson at 626-355-2737 if you are interested in attending.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 41st WINE AND CUISINE TASTING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Local Sommelier To Select Wines for Gala

Imagine over the holidays you invited 500 of your closest friends over for dinner and wine. Now imagine that these same 500 are pretty sophisticated wine drinkers -each having a different preference for varietal, and each expecting to find their "surprise" vintage.

Such is the job description for Bill Sullivan, 26-year owner of the Bottle Shop in Sierra Madre. This will be the second year Bill has taken on the task of selecting the wines for the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Wine and Cuisine Gala scheduled February 18. This means finding the right wine makers among hundreds of wineries that bottle some of the world's finest wines right here in California. "Because this is my second year, I can now take a look at some of the sales trends to meet the demand at this event," said Bill. "I have a good idea of what attendees purchased, and can make adjustments this year," he added.

"We're excited to have the Kim Crawford's Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc represented at the event," said Bill. "This number one selling wine from New Zealand, has been producing award winning Sav's for the past seven years," Bill added. This past November, Kim Crawford's 2009 Sauvignon Blanc received first place for the best white wine at The Journal's Best Wines in Cayman tasting. "This wine will offer the event attendees an amazing value for this quality, and should be a very popular offering," Bill said.

One of the returning favorites will be a Robert Mondavi 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon. According to the winemaker, this should prove to be an intense cab, with dark concentrated fruit, with warm vanilla and star anise. In fact this past October, Genevieve Janssens, Mondavi Director of Winemaking, was named Wine Enthusiast's 2010 Winemaker of the Year. "This is really the right recognition for the work she has done to produce exceptional quality for Mondavi, Sullivan said. "I'm looking forward to the response to this Cab, as it's hard to find a better value than this 93 point award winner."

One of the more unique wines at the event will be a Jackson Triggs Ice Wine. Such a variety is produced by allowing the grapes to actually freeze on the vine, which increases the sugar content for this fine dessert wine. "It's so rare to



Bill Sullivan, owner of Sierra Madre's Bottle Shop

find an ice wine at a tasting, and I'm sure this will be new to many," said Sullivan. "This wine should be fun to taste and will make for a fantastic ending to a nice meal."

"Many in the community don't realize this is great opportunity to BUY wine. This is a convenient way to "visit" over 20 different producers. And, because the wines ordered that evening are discounted 15% - 45% off retail, for those ordering wine, this savings should easily pay for the cost of the ticket." This is really a unique community effort, which is a win-win-win for everyone - the Library is supported, the producer gets to promote the wine, and the attendee is buying wine at a significant discount off retail," Bill added.

Mark your calendar to attend The Sierra Madre Friends of the Library 41st Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event. The always-popular eve-

ning will take place at the Alverno High School Villa, 200 N Michillinda Avenue, on Friday February 18 7:00p - 9:30p. General entry tickets at a cost of \$60 will allow entry at 7:00, but Premier admission will allow 100 folk an early entry at 6:00 and include many new surprises. Current paid members of the Friends will receive a \$5 discount off general entry when purchased at the library.

Tickets can be purchased at Arnold's Frontier Hardware, The Bottle Shop, Iris Intrigue, and Savor the Flavor. You can also pick up tickets at the Sierra Madre Library, or on-line at sierramalibraryfriends.org. In addition to attending one of the social highlights of the year, you'll enable the Friends to support your library services and programs. This past year The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library provided over \$58,000 for equipment upgrades and improvements

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Brown's Classic Interiors
64 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Charlotte's Jewelers
40 N. Baldwin

Savor The Flavor
11 Kersting Court

Once Upon A Time
14 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

Baldwin Jewelers
15 Kersting Court

Churches

Episcopal Church of the Ascension - 25 E. Laurel
(626) 355-1133

Sierra Madre Congregational Church - 170 W. Sierra
Madre
(626) 355-3566

Foothill Center For Spiritual Living - 49 S. Baldwin
No. A
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Greek Evangelical Church
69 Suffolk Avenue
(626) 355-2153

Sierra Madre Church of Christ
212 N. Lima
(626) 355-1817

Sierra Madre United Methodist
695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(626) 355-0629

Bethany Christian
93 N. Baldwin
(626) 355-1403

St. Rita Catholic Church
38 N. Baldwin
(626) 355-1292
and much more!

Older "Sierra Madre"
American of the Year

The Senior Community Commission is now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year. If you know someone living in Sierra Madre who has demonstrated outstanding community service and is 60 years of age or older, please contact the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394 for a nomination form.

Nominations are due to the Community & Personnel Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., by Monday, February 28, 2011. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees at its Study Session on March 3, 2011 and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting also on March 3 at 3 pm in the City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a special reception held in their honor on Friday, May 13th at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House.

Kiwanis Program to
Explore "Da Vinci Code"

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a fascinating program called "Thoughts on Christianity, Gnosticism and 'The Da Vinci Code'". The program will be presented by Earl Abbe, who spent many years working overseas and has lived in the region that is the centerpiece for Christianity, Gnosticism and the backdrop for the Da Vinci Code, a work of fiction that has razzled many in traditional religious circles.

The meeting will be at 12 noon at the Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

The public is invited and lunch will be served. Reservations and exact change (\$11) are required. Please call Pat Birdsall at 626-355-7290, no later than noon the day before.

"Standing Against the Darkness"



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to Sunday worship! Parish Associate the Rev. Dr. Don Maddox will preach on Deuteronomy 30:15-30 at both the 9:15 traditional service and "The Gathering" at 11:15 am.

Learn more about SMCC's Marriage Retreat to be held Friday, March 4

through Saturday, March 5 at the Kellogg Center in Pomona by visiting www.smccpby.com.

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided
10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation
11:15 am "The Gathering" worship service
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FREE VALENTINE'S
PROGRAMS AT THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY

Need a free family event to celebrate Valentine's Day? Monrovia Public Library is having two free Valentine's events perfect for the whole family.

Saturday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m., bring the whole family down for Be My Valentine. Cupid is bringing some of his favorite stories, songs, craft and film to the library in honor of love, hearts and Valentines!

Monday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m., the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library are sponsoring a Monday Night Movie perfect for the whole family. We can't give the exact title. But we can tell you, it features a boy, a bear, a black panther, and an especially mean tiger. Call the library for more details today!

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. This new radio station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

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Music News
By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

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SAT. 2/12 - RITA HOSKING and opening act RICK SHEA @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA, 8pm. 309 N. Citrus Ave. 626-339-7020. \$15. A great, intimate room, perfect for this Americana/Country/Folk double bill. <http://www.ritahosking.com> <http://www.frethouse.com/>

SUN. 2/13 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

TUES. 2/15 - "JC & Friends Songwriter Serenade" @ MATT DENNY'S ALEHOUSE & RESTAURANT IN ARCADIA, 7 - 9:30pm. 145 E. Huntington Dr., between 1st & 2nd Aves. 626-462-0250. Full bar & kitchen, all ages. A weekly acoustic show of songwriters playing original songs, either as a solo or duo act, outside on the covered, heated patio. This week's artists: Trish Lester, Chad Watson & Pam Loe. <http://www.jchyke.com/>

TUES. 2/15 - "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZ-MASTER DEANNA, 7pm (Note earlier start time*) \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Come *early for Trivia and stay for the band: NEW ASTROTURF @ 8:30ish. Hippy Rock & Classic Country.

WED. 2/16 - The Mellow D'z at Oceanview Bistro in Montrose from 7:30-10:00 PM. 3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818-248-2722. Great food and drinks to go with cool acoustic jams. www.ovbistro.com

WED. 2/16 - LISA FINNIE @ RED CARPET WINE & SPIRITS in Glendale, 7 - 8pm. 400 E. Glenoaks Blvd. Indoor delights including music by yours truly and three-option tastings via the in-house Enomatics in the Red Carpet Wine Bar and outdoor temptations available just outside courtesy of Vizzi Food Truck. www.redcarpetwine.com

"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 9pm. Bring your favorite vinyl records and play an entire side on the house turntable, commercial free! 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, friendly service!

THURS. 2/17 - COW BOP @ VIVA CANTINA IN BURBANK, 8pm. 900 W. Riverside Dr., next to the L.A. Equestrian Center. Full bar & great Mexican food. Cowboy Jazz/Country Swing.

THURS. 2/17 - LISA FINNIE & FRIENDS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Country/Jazzy Folk, and always quality musicians.

FRI. 2/18 - THE MELLOW D'z (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) at Cafe 322 in Sierra Madre, 5:30 - 7:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Great happy hour discounts on food and drinks from 4:30-6:30. Acoustic Rock faves.

FRI. 2/18 - FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY'S ANNUAL WINE & CUISINE TASTING @ THE VILLA del SOL d'ORO on the Alverno Campus, 7 - 9:30pm. \$60 Main Event; \$80 Premiere - includes extras and earlier admittance. Tickets available now at the Library, Bottle Shop, Savor the Flavor, etc. Restaurant and winery samplings, auctions, magicians, live music from STEVE & STEVE, and more.

FRI. 2/18 - MERCY & THE MERKETT'S DANCE PARTY @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm - Midnite. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. R&B, Disco, Motown, Rock, Blues.

SAT. 2/19 - DREAD ZEPPELIN @ T. BOYLE'S TAVERN IN PASADENA, with opening act THE GAS MOGULS, featuring Lance Cosgrove, Dave Shelton and Ben Rushing - reuniting their old band from the late 70's. 37 N. Catalina Ave., just N. of Colorado Blvd. (formerly Toe's Tavern and the Hanlebars) \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. www.thegasmoguls.com

TUES. 2/22 - "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZ-MASTER DEANNA, 7pm (Note earlier start time*) \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Come *early for Trivia and stay for owner Mario's Birthday Bash, featuring Echo Park Hot Club (Parisian Gypsy Jazz) then an improvised "Rock and Roll freakout"!!!! yowza!

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FRI. 2/25 - DIRTY DAVE & THE DYNAMITES @ CLUBHOUSE 66 IN GLENDORA, 9pm. 1200 E. Route 66. 626-914-0066. Full bar & kitchen. No cover. Dave, Dave & Moyes crankin' out some awesome Blues/Rock.

SAT. 2/26 - SURFIN' WITH ELVIS @ OCEAN VIEW BISTRO IN MONTROSE, 9pm. (sort of the pared-down version of Longboard Ranch) 3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818-248-2722. Full bar and kitchen. www.ovbistro.com

PLANNING AHEAD DEPT:

THURS. 3/17 - ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE with SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES and more... details to come.

THURS. 3/17 - ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY with GROOVY LEMON PIE @ T. BOYLE'S TAVERN IN PASADENA, 9pm. 37 N. Catalina Ave., just N. of Colorado Blvd. (formerly Toe's Tavern and the Hanlebars) www.glpie.com

SUN. 3/20 - ANNUAL WISTARIA FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE - tons of live music and purple blossoms!

*****NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR THE 2011 DOO DAH PARADE! Parade Day is Saturday, April 30th, 11:00am in East Pasadena. Be part of one of the most colorful and unique experiences around! Go to: pasadenadoodahparade.info -- and under "Entry Form" sign up now! Queen tryouts will be held on Sat. 4/2 at the American Legion.

Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. This is show biz, after all...

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Who is Sierra Madre's student poet? Student visual artist? Student photographer? Student singer or instrumentalist? Sierra Madre Woman's Club invites these students to show their talent by entering SMWC's competition. ART and Photographs must be submitted February 23rd at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.


First Place winners receive gift cards and go on to statewide competition. Music Performance winners receive \$500.00 scholarships. SMWC also offers Academic Scholarships to graduating students continuing on to college. Last year three local students received \$6,00.00 total in academic scholarships.

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ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY FEATURES DAN RICHTER

Dan Richter is best known as Moonwatcher the manape in the opening sequence of Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" which he also choreographed. Dan has had a long career as a mime, choreographer, actor, director, producer, memoirist, and for two decades a Hollywood executive. Dan will be the guest speaker at the SMHPS Annual Program meeting on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 pm in Hartzel Hall at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. (parking lot entrance is on Michillinda).

Dan's talk "Why I Love the Mt. Wilson Trail!" will be the main program and will explore Dan's battle with cancer and the part walking the trail daily played in his recovery.



This is sure to be an engaging program by a warm, humorous man.

Dan currently lives in Sierra Madre, where he volunteers on weekends doing trail maintenance and has been leading Sierra Club mountaineering trips since 1991 and teaches courses on rock climbing and mountaineering.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

www.danrichter.com
www.smhps.org

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY'S FREE PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS TO FEATURE LOCAL EXPERTS

Sierra Madre Public Library's new five-week Parent/Child Workshop for families with children ages three and younger will feature noted resource professionals from the community. Each workshop session will feature a different aspect of parenting, including early literacy, speech, hearing and language development, child development, nutrition, music, play, and health. The workshops, which will take place at the Library on consecutive Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., will be interactive and will include toys, crafts, books and play in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns. **Enrollment is free, but in-person pre-registration at the Library is required to ensure a spot in the program.**

The workshop itinerary and speakers are:

March 2: Orientation, Early Literacy – Meegan Tosh, Sierra Madre Public Library Children's Librarian.

March 9: Speech, Hearing & Language Development – Justine Sherman of Justine Sherman & Associates, a nonpublic agency serving the speech-language, and educational needs of young children. Ms. Sherman also conducts a series of family programs to help parents enhance their children's language and social skills in a fun environment. JSA is a family centered clinic that believes parent involvement and education leads to great carryover of skills.

March 16: Child Development – Dr. Tina Bryson, lecturer, parenting educator and psychotherapist at Pediatric and Adolescent Psychology Associates. Dr. Bryson is the author of "The Whole-Brain Child." Tina combines practical parenting tips you can use every day with cutting-edge science. She gives parents easy ways to solve parenting struggles, lay the groundwork for whole and happy children, understand their child's development, and be more intentional in their parenting. Come learn how to tame tantrums and build your child's brain at the same time!

March 23: Nutrition – Dr. Edward Laurance, pediatric gastroenterologist specializing in nutrition and in treating children's stomach and digestive disorders, along with Registered Dietician Wendy Crump.

March 30: Music, Play & Health – Melissa Moore Castillo, who holds a master's degree in dance-movement therapy and has led preschool movement groups. Melissa is currently Sierra Madre School PTA President.

This project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Drop by the Sierra Madre Public Library between Monday, February 14 and Saturday, February 19 and take advantage of our Valentine deals for book lovers. This month's Friends of the Library Table Sale will feature Fiction, Cookbooks, Gardening, Health and Diet, Animals, and Children's and Specialty Books. All books are in good condition and are \$1.00 each. The sale is on during the Library's open hours, so drop by often—there will plenty of new titles to choose from, as books are replenished daily.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (626) 355-7186, or check out our website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
February 22, 2011 6:30 pm

Arts Commission - 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30

Community Services - 3rd Monday @ 6:00

Library Trustees - 4th Wednesday @ 7:00

Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00

Senior Community - 1st Thursday @ 3:00

Tree Advisory - 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00

February 12, 2011

Parks and Facilities Master Plan Committee
Special Joint Meeting with Community Services
9:00 AM – Community Recreation Center

SIERRA MADRE HEALTHY FAMILY FUN AND WALK WITH THE MAYOR

The Community and Personnel Services Department will be starting the Healthy Family Fun program again for 2011! The Healthy Family Fun program focuses on monthly outdoor activities for families to enjoy together. Such activities will include: the Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Mount Wilson Trail Race Kids Fun Run, Capture the Flag, Historic Bike Ride and a monthly Walk with the Mayor just to name a few.

The Walk with the Mayor will begin on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Each Walk with the Mayor will be held the first Saturday of every month in 2011. Please meet at Sierra Vista Park at 9:00am for a stroll with Sierra Madre Mayor Joe Mosca for the March activity. There is no need to register for the activity; just show up with your walking shoes and plenty of questions for Mayor Mosca to answer!

For more information on Healthy Family Fun please call 626-355-5278.

WISTARIA FESTIVAL SHUTTLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce reminds you that shuttle tickets to ride up to view the Wistaria Vine at its annual Wistaria Festival are now available online. The 2011 Wistaria Festival will take place on March 20th, 2011.

The Wistaria Festival features tours of the world's largest blossoming plant, certified as such by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits, the Solts and the Dorrances, open their property to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894. At its peak, the vine covered more than an acre of ground, and in the early 20th century was so large that it even destroyed a home that was under it.

In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that 175 juried crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their arts/crafts. Downtown village shops are open, and more than a dozen musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone, as bouncy houses, slides, rock climbing and other kids attractions set up in the park alongside food vendors, both for profit and non-profit alike.

The shuttle to the vine from downtown avoids a long uphill walk from downtown to the neighborhood in which the vine sits. "Day of" tickets for the shuttle have been reduced from \$15 to \$12 this year, and pre-sale tickets are just \$10. This year, for the first time, seniors and kids (6 to 16) receive a discounted rate of \$7. Children under five ride for free. There is no charge to view the vine.

Mountain Views News readers that purchase non-discounted (\$10) pre-sale tickets on line can also receive a \$1 savings on their ticket by entering promo code MVN01 on the ticket order page when prompted.

To order tickets online, visit www.WistariaTickets.com.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 30th, to Saturday February 5th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 397 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, January 30th:

12:19 AM- Vandalism/under \$400, 400 Grove St. Unknown suspect(s) vandalized the front yard of a residence with shaving cream, eggs and toilet paper, the suspect(s) also wrote obscenities on the vehicles.

6:05 PM- Danger to Self/others/Gravely Disabled, Shadow Grove Rd. This case involves a woman leaving her ex-boyfriend due to domestic violence. On January 30th her ex-boyfriend was outside her parent's house and claimed that he would hurt himself if the victim did not speak with him. The victim also claimed that her former boyfriend had a 9mm Beretta. Officers responded and briefly pursued the man as he was leaving in his car. During the car stop officers took the man into protective custody for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation. Officers recovered a loaded handgun in the man's car.

Wednesday, February 2nd:

11:05 PM- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle Arrest, Orange Grove Ave and Baldwin Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver was in possession of 0.8 grams of marijuana. The resident from Monrovia was cited and released on the field.

2:11 AM- Warrant/Outside/Traffic Arrest, Santa Anita Ave and Orange Grove Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed the passenger in the vehicle had three warrants for his arrest from three L.A. County agencies. The Sierra Madre resident was arrested and released into the custody of Pasadena Police Department.

Thursday, February 3rd:

2:04 PM- Petty Theft, 200 blk. E. Montecito Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a chain saw and hedge trimmer from an unlocked truck while it was parked on the street.

Friday, February 4th:

10:01 AM- Residential Burglary Arrest, Valle Vista Ave. An officer stopped a 21-year old female resident of Sierra Madre for a traffic violation near Park and Manzanita Ave. During the investigation, the officer noticed that her car had stolen registration tabs. The officer questioned the woman and learned that she had provided home cleaning services to an older man on Valle Vista Ave, and had burglarized his home to steal the tabs. The officer arrested the suspect for burglary and booked her at the Pasadena jail.

Saturday, February 5th:

4:58 PM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd and Hermosa Ave. An officer saw an intoxicated man seated on a bus bench. The officer arrested the Los Angeles resident and took him to the Pasadena jail for booking.

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City Police PIO Sends Her Last Press Release

By Dean Lee

Long time Pasadena Police Spokeswoman Janet Pope Givens caught the local media off-guard Monday sending out, what seemed a routine press release about red light enforcement, with a note attached saying the release was most likely her last.

"It's been fun working with you and I pray that I land someplace where our paths will cross again."

Pope Givens' was one of 18 city union employees laid off due to recent budget cuts. The layoffs are in effort to save \$2 million annually as part of a \$5.5 million budget deficit. Other department cuts include, planning, library, human services, recreation, and public works employees, as well as, the City Clerk's Office, non-sworn police and fire personnel.

The Pasadena Police Department conducted a Red Light Enforcement Program Friday according to Pope Givens' last media release, "The Pasadena Police Department is committed to reducing the number of traffic collisions resulting from drivers running red lights or driving aggressively," it said. "The ultimate goal is to enforce and educate the driving public at the same time reducing serious injuries and fatal collisions."

Missing from the release was Pope Givens' normal contact information.

She said all media inquiries will now be handled by, The Adjutant to the Chief. Lieutenant Phlunte' Riddle, who will also serve as the department public information officer.

Pope Givens started working for the Pasadena police in 1984 and became the department spokesperson in 1994.

Pet of the Week



Beatrice, an adorable Miniature Pinscher mix is about three years old and very friendly. She was found with her five puppies and now she's looking for a cozy home where she can get some rest and relaxation! Beatrice is spayed and ready for adoption. Come visit with this cutie today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet. Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A283195 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org



Artist Christian Alderete

Villa-Parke Center Mural Unveiled

After working with his partner, artist Arturo Gonzalez, and children ages nine to 17 for weeks to paint the mural. "Rays of Success," depicting children participating in art, reading, sports, nutrition and science, Muralist Christian Alderete along with the city's Arts and Culture Commission unveiled the mural at Villa-Parke Wednesday.

After Alderete's original mural on the market at Fair Oaks Ave.

and Esther St. was mistakenly painted out in late 2009, the arts commission approved funding to facilitate the painting of a replacement mural on an outdoor wall, within the Headstart playground area. Alderete held meetings with community members to help choose among concepts and vote for the final image.

Both murals were funded by city of Pasadena's Arts and Culture Commission's

Neighborhood Enhancement Mural Program, the mural is a collaboration between Alderete and the community to reflect the activities, values and dreams of the area's youths.

Alderete said he started as a graffiti artist at the age of fourteen. Then, after high school found a way to paint murals "legitimate." He said he now utilize his talents to help the community and give beauty to those around him.

PCC Center for the Arts Construction Underway



Demolition crews have begun dismantling the T and K buildings at Pasadena City College, clearing the way for construction of the highly anticipated Center for the Arts facility.

The demolition work marks the final step in the removal of the two buildings, which sit in the footprint of the 69,000 square-foot Center for the Arts. The process is expected to last six weeks.

"The college is taking great care to minimize any negative impacts to the campus and surrounding community during the entirety of the construction process," said Dr. Rick van Pelt, PCC interim vice president of Administrative Services. "In fact, most of the materials removed from the site will occur on weekends."

"We also estimate that at least 80 percent of the all materials gathered during demolition will be recycled," he added.

The capstone of PCC's 2010 Facilities Master Plan, the Center for the Arts is scheduled to be completed by December 2012. Once constructed, the complex will house both the Performing and Communication Arts and Visual Arts and Media Studies divisions, a 230-seat recital hall, Black Box Theater, classrooms and performance spaces, and

the new PCC Art Gallery.

Meanwhile, PCC continues to seek philanthropic support to fully outfit the facility. The Center for the Arts Campaign, launched in 2009 and spearheaded by the PCC Foundation, aims to raise \$3.5 million from a wide range of interested donors.

"Gifts from donors, coupled with voter-approved bond funds, will enable us to move forward expeditiously with this project and ensure that it will be a first-rate and completely outfitted resource for our students and the community when it opens," said Dr. Lisa A. Sugimoto, PCC interim vice president of College Advancement.

The campaign has naming opportunities available with various giving levels. Two top-tier opportunities remain—the recital hall and the Black Box Theater.

"Pasadena City College and the PCC Foundation have enjoyed a long-standing partnership with the community," Sugimoto said. "Now, as we near the campaign's conclusion, we seek the continued support."

For more information about the Center for the Arts Campaign, please call (626) 585-7065 or visit www.pasadena.edu/centerforthearts.

Black History Events, Include Luncheon, Film Festival and Parade

Parade Officials announced a number of events this week including, the third annual Red, Black & Green Honors Luncheon this Saturday, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Pasadena Hilton and will honor this year's Black History Parade community grand marshalls as well as unsung heroes and heroines. This year's theme is theme "Recognition Beyond Greatness - Colors of Achievement."

The Black History Parade and Festival will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Charles White Park on Ventura Street at Fair Oaks Avenue in Altadena and

will end at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Pasadena.

Luncheon honorees are parade community grand marshalls Ernestine Moore, community activist and former district director for former California Senator Jack Scott, and William Syms, district representative for Congressman Adam Schiff; unsung heroes Oliver Goodall (posthumous), Walt Jackson, Rick Law, Ralph McKnight, Roscoe Owens, Tarik Ross and Dr. Isaac J. Walker Jr.; and unsung heroines Chariel Bailey, Dolores Hickambottom, Cheryl Hubbard, Jaylene Moseley, Maurice Morse, Phlunte Riddle and Beverly White.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$50 in advance through Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., and \$60 at the door.

All proceeds will support the Black History Parade and Festival.

The parade's celebrity grand marshalls are Michaela Pereira, co-anchor of KTLA's Morning Show, and Manuel Galloway of the Pasadena Public Works Department, who was the subject of the 2003 film "Biker Boyz" starring Laurence Fishburne.

Following the parade, a family festival from noon to 4 p.m. at Robinson Park will include live entertainment, food, information booths and more.

Other "Recognition Beyond Greatness - Colors of Achievement" events include a showcase of vintage films Sunday, Feb. 13, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Featured films will include "The Green Pastures" (1936) and "The Girl in Room 20" (1946).

The parade and the film event are free. For more information on these and other related events call (626) 744-7300.

Schiff Introduces House Resolution Voicing Solidarity with Egyptian People

Just hours after Egyptian President Mubarak stepped down Friday, giving control of the country to the military; Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) introduced a House Resolution expressing solidarity with the people of Egypt as they begin their new democratic transition. "We need to do everything that we can to support the democratic aspirations of the Egyptian people in this pivotal hour," he said. "We have a moral obligation to support Egypt's broad-based, organic democratic revolution. This resolution will make it clear to the Egyptian people that the United States House of Representatives stands with them now and shares their hopes for a freer, more prosperous Egypt."

Part of the resolution acknowledged that on January 28, after 24 protestors were killed and more than 1,000 wounded by the police and pro-government thugs in one day, the Egyptian army took up positions in the streets of Cairo.

"The Egyptian army pledged not to fire on protestors and called their grievances 'legitimate,'" it reads.

The resolution would,

condemns the use of violence against unarmed protestors by the Egyptian security services and hired gangs of thugs, urges the release of any peaceful protestors who remain in custody, and calls for an end to the imposition of emergency or martial law; deplores the targeted beatings and arrests of Egyptian and international journalists, as well as human rights and democracy advocates; expresses its gratitude to the Egyptian army for their restraint and for remembering that their mission is to safeguard the people of Egypt; and calls upon the Government of Egypt and the political opposition to work together to transition Egypt to a credible democracy with respect for universal rights, including minority rights, and a new era for the Egyptian people.

"It is impossible to watch the images coming from Egypt of huge numbers of ordinary Egyptians - young and old, secular and religious, men and women, rich and poor - and not be deeply moved by their struggle to bring democracy and human rights to one of the world's great civilizations," Schiff said.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news

The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using



the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Feb. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

2011 Citizen Journalism Speakers Series

Free community lecture events features local and national storytellers. Come face-to-face with experience journalists and communicators, as they share their personal stories and adventures in the life of journalism and media. The first speaker, Larry Wilson, Pasadena Star-News Public Editor, will be this Wednesday night. The



event is held at the Donald R. Wright Auditorium 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101 (located in the Pasadena Central Library) All Events Door Open at 6:00pm.

KPAS "City Beat" topics, Budget, Employee Pensions

Budget issues, employee pensions and the governor's proposal to stop redevelopment are among the topics on the latest edition of "City Beat" on KPAS and the Internet.

Moderator Barry Gordon is joined by Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Pasadena Weekly reporter André Coleman and Pasadena Independent editor Terry Miller.

"City Beat" replays Mondays at 2 and 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at

8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

KPAS is on channel 3 on the Charter Communications cable system in Pasadena and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse. Streaming video of all KPAS programming can be accessed in real time at www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs and clicking on the KPAS icon.

For more information call (626) 744-4755.

Department of Education Reaffirms PCC Accreditation

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has reaffirmed the accreditation of Pasadena City College. The ACCJC, which is authorized to operate by the U.S. Department of Education through the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, accredits associate degree-granting institutions in the Western region of the United States.

"I want to thank the many members of the Pasadena City College Accreditation Response Steering Committee," said Dr. Mark Rocha, PCC president. "I also gratefully acknowledge the countless hours of hard work by our faculty, staff,

students, and our Board of Trustees for their support throughout this process."

Accreditation is a voluntary system of self regulation developed to evaluate overall educational quality and institutional effectiveness. The ACCJC accreditation process provides assurance to the public that the accredited member colleges meet the specific standards; the education earned at the institutions is of value to the student who earned it; and employers, trade or profession-related licensing agencies, and other colleges and universities can accept a student's credential as legitimate.

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TEACHER LAY OFFS - NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER - THE TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS OF THE ARCADIA SCHOOL DISTRICT



60-70 TEACHERS GET TEMP PINK SLIPS

The Arcadia School Board is expected to approve sending out layoff notices to 60-70 certified teachers and staff at the next board meeting on Feb. 22.

In a recent 14 1/2-minute video address to staff describing how the budget will impact them, AUSD superintendent Dr. Joel Shawn described the 60-70 notices a "horrific number," and said the district hopes that only 20-25 of those who will actually be laid off. Unfortunately, the district is required by teacher unions to send layoff notifications by March 15, more than three months before the state budget is approved in late June, which has a huge impact on what funding the district will have to work with.

Therefore, Shawn said the district has to prepare for worst-case scenario. "We have to treat the Governor's proposal as if it will fail at the end of June, and hope it passes so we don't have to make these cuts," he said, noting there could be even deeper cuts required if the Governor's budget fails. Shawn noted that with 85% of the district budget going to salaries, it is inevitable that any cuts will affect staff. And cuts are necessary, with projections showing a whopping \$18 million deficit by 2014-15 if the district takes no action.

The district has been in budget-cutting mode since 2007-08, which has resulted in about 20% loss in revenue. And while there is a perception among some in the community that schools are overcrowded, student enrollment has been declining by 100 students per year for the last five years, compounding the budget problem since the district receives funds based on the number of students. (Further details about declining student enrollment here.) Last year class sizes for Sec-

ond and Third grades were raised from 20 students for every teacher to 22:1, with the Arcadia Education Foundation raising enough money to delay increasing First Grade class sizes to the same level.

The current plan for next year is to raise Grades 1-3 class sizes to 24:1. That (coupled with declining enrollment), means the district will need 11 fewer elementary school teachers in 2011-12, Shawn said. Four teachers will be retiring, so seven will receive layoff notices. Among the other proposals in the district's worst-case scenario budget, Shawn is asking for staff to agree to take eight furlough days for three years starting in 2012-13.

Shawn noted that while the district has had significant cuts to the budget, programs, and staff during the last four years, the district might have suffered deeper layoffs, salary cuts, and furlough days like many neighboring school districts if not for the conservative budgeting practices of the district and the utilization of resources and other one-time money.

Explaining that the budget issues are more complex now than three years ago, Shawn said he was concerned that staff might think that if the public votes for an extension to the temporary sales tax and vehicle license fee that could be put to a statewide vote in the coming months, that schools will not have to make any additional budget cuts.

"Unfortunately, this is just not the case," Joel said. The district is not just calculating what expenses to cut, but also exploring ways to raise more cash on their own. One possibility being explored is asking Arcadia taxpayers to approve a parcel tax.

ARCADIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Work begins this month with bond money that can't be used for anything else, including school budget.

Construction begins late this month on the new \$25 million, 1,200-seat Performing Arts Center at Arcadia High School.

After several years of work on several other major new buildings and projects at the high school and the rest of the schools in Arcadia under the five-year \$218 million bond project passed by voters in 2006, construction is starting only a couple months later than scheduled on the PAC, which will sit on the ground formerly occupied by the district administration office facing north on Campus Blvd. We are re-presenting the architect designs of one of the showcase buildings of the entire bond project that we first published here on ArcadiasBest.com in April 2009.

As a reminder, the building, which has always been a part of the overall project with completion date originally scheduled for June 2012 — now more likely in fall 2012, will feature a two-story ("double-height") glass-enclosed signature lobby and exterior canopies and covered walkways.

The main concert hall will have lower level and balcony seating, with variable absorption acoustics. The building will also include a black box theater, an orchestra room, and a dance studio.

Originally budgeted at \$27.4 million, the cost was expected to come in under \$25 mil.

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SANTA ANITA BOWLING GREEN CLUB

Photo and Story by Gene Plunkett

After 20 plus years some of the trophies and plaques given for lawn bowling achievement have returned to the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club.

Back in the seventies and eighties Michael Wurtz was one of the better bowlers at the Santa Anita club. He won many awards for the different tournaments he entered, and on February 8th his daughter Marge Butterfield and husband Dick returned them per Michael's request. There were several trophies and plaques from Michael's wife, Mary Dunn. The trophies and plaques were accepted with much pride by the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club President, Cheri Cabot. Michael's daughter, Marge, presented Cheri a check in his memory. Michael died last year at the age of 94.

Mrs. Butterfield was given Michael's Completion of Training certificate that the club had posted for all to see. Dated November 1973. It had hung in the outside display case for many years and was faded, a little ragged around the edges, and was returned to his daughter to keep with her memories of her dad.

Mike's trophies will be on display in the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club Room, along with many other awards.



Dick and Marge Butterfield presents Santa Anita Bowling Green President Cheri Cabot with a check and several trophies and plaques in memory of Michael Wurtz. Mike bowled for over 30 years and the items returned will be on display in the Club Room at the Arcadia County Park

Arcadia Republican Woman's Club

is having their monthly luncheon on February 17 at the Santa Anita Golf Course, 405 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia. Our featured speaker is Arcadia's Mayor Peter Amundson, who will be addressing the State of the City. Peter's focus on the council is primarily quality of life issues for Arcadians. Join us (men are welcome also) and find the latest happenings in Arcadia. Social hour: 10:30 AM, General Meeting: 11:00, Speaker: 11:30 and Lunch: Noon. Cost is \$17.00 which includes a delicious lunch. Reserve your seat by calling Annie (626) 355-6671 or Veronica (626) 447-9590. Deadline for reservations is February 14.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, January 30, through Saturday, February 5, the Police Department responded to 1,175 calls for service of which 137 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 30:

- Three commercial burglaries occurred between 8:00 a.m. and 9:10 a.m. at 24-Hour Fitness, 125 North First. Unknown suspect(s) broke into three lockers and stole cash from the victims' wallets.
- Shortly before 5:00 p.m., a hit-and-run traffic accident occurred at Santa Anita and Foothill. A suspect driver rear-ended a vehicle that was stopped in a left-turn pocket. The suspect drove away from the scene and then abandoned the vehicle in a driveway in the 300 block of Sycamore.

Monday, January 31:

- Between 3:00 p.m. on January 28 and 7:00 a.m. on January 31, a commercial burglary occurred in the 1000 block of Singing Wood. Unknown suspect(s) entered a residential construction site, broke into a secured storage area, and stole over \$7,300 in tools and equipment.
- A residential burglary occurred in the 1000 block of San Carlos between 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear door, ransacked rooms, and stole a large amount of cash and a gold necklace.

Tuesday, February 1:

- Units responded to Wells Fargo Bank, 1200 South Baldwin, around 4:35 p.m. in reference to a man causing a disturbance and threatening employees. Upon arrival, officers found the suspect by his vehicle with his two children. The suspect took on a fighting stance, cursed at officers, and failed to comply with officers' commands when they tried to detain him. He appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was in possession of marijuana and stolen property. The 40-year-old African-American suspect was taken into custody for making terrorist threats, receiving stolen property, obstructing/resisting, under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Wednesday, February 2:

- Around 10:33 p.m., a doctor called and advised that a patient claimed that she was driving on a freeway going to Malibu and was going to kill herself by driving over a cliff. Los Angeles County Sheriff's was notified and APD officers responded to the woman's home located in the 700 block of Sunset to conduct further investigation. A woman at the residence refused to open the door and provided officers with a false name. The 49-year-old female Caucasian finally admitted her true identity and she was the suicidal subject who had contacted her doctor. The woman was arrested for obstructing/resisting, false report of an emergency, and a danger to self. She was transported to a 72-hour detention center for evaluation and treatment.

Thursday, February 3:

- A victim came to the station around 7:45 a.m. to file a fraud report. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's check by unknown means and used it to withdraw \$900 without his permission.
- Around 2:49 p.m., units were dispatched to South Baldwin and East Camino Real regarding a suspect driver who had fled from a hit-and-run traffic accident. Witnesses saw the suspect swerving between lanes and then collide into two parked vehicle. A witness followed the suspect driver to a parking lot where he was detained. The 21-year-old male Caucasian driver was arrested for possession of narcotics controlled substance, driving under the influence of drugs, and driving on a suspended/revoked license.

Friday, February 4:

- Officers were sent to Victoria's Secret located at Westfield Mall around 12:15 p.m. in reference to a commercial burglary that occurred between 8:58 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on February 3. Four male Hispanic suspects worked in concert to steal about \$1,499 in slips, bras, and panties.
- Loss prevention personnel from JC Penney observed three known suspects concealing \$1,855 in merchandise on their persons. The suspects were then followed to two separate Kohl's locations where they committed additional thefts. The men were finally arrested by Upland Police for commercial burglary and conspiracy.

Saturday, February 5:

- A traffic stop was conducted at Floral and First for an expired registration around 8:40 a.m. The 50-year-old male Caucasian driver was cited and released for the violation; however, a 53-year-old male Caucasian passenger was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, a \$5,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and a no bail felony warrant.

Holy Angels vs Jockeys

Legendary Hall of Fame jockeys Eddie Delahoussaye, Don Pierce, Laffit Pincay Jr., Gary Stevens and Mike Smith will serve as honorary captains at the 44th annual Holy Angels/Santa Anita Jockeys Charity Basketball Game at La Salle High School in Pasadena, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

Proceeds will benefit the Holy Angels athletic department and the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF).

This year's Santa Anita jockey squad figures to include: Captain David Flores, Pedro Arambula, Paul Atkinson, Rafael Bejarano, Alex Bisono, Brice Blanc, Antonio Castanon, Victor Espinoza, Martin Garcia, Kerwin John, Edwin Maldonado, Corey Nakatani, Iggy Puglisi, Alonso Quiñonez, Joel Rosario, Christian Santiago Reyes, Chantal Sutherland, Mike Smith, Kayla Stra, Joe Talamo, Patrick Valenzuela and perhaps others.

The jockeys will be on hand to autograph memorabilia from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the La Salle High gymnasium.

La Salle High School is located at the southwest corner of Michillinda Ave. and Sierra

Madre Blvd., approximately four miles from Santa Anita. Admission is \$5.

"This has been a great event over the years and we always have a lot of fun with it," said jockey David Flores, who will again serve as game captain for the jockeys. "What's really exciting about this year is that for the first time, we are going to include the Disabled Jockeys Fund in our fundraising effort. Racing is a very, very dangerous sport and this means a lot to all of us in the racing industry."

"We want to do all that we can to try and help all of these people who have been hurt so badly. Just the fact that we are helping to draw attention to their situation is very important. We hope that everyone coming to the game this year will do what they can to help us help all of these jockeys who will never be able to ride again."

Holy Angels, located just south of Santa Anita Park, on Huntington Drive, has partnered with Santa Anita on numerous charity events over the years.

"The jockeys and Santa Anita have been a huge support to Holy Angels over the past 50 years,"

said Holy Angels Principal, Ted Carroll. "We are excited to be able to include the PDJF in this year's game, and we are excited to be able to return the favor, finally."

The PDJF, which was founded in 2006, provides financial assistance to professional jockeys (both Thoroughbred and quarterhorse) who have sustained serious injuries such as paralysis and brain trauma, which often result in permanent disabilities.

"The PDJF is very appreciative of the Santa Anita jockey colony and Holy Angels School for their support of this event, which will help bring awareness and funding for these programs," said Nancy LaSala, Executive Director of the PDJF.

"Time and again jockeys in the United States have never wavered in their support of the PDJF," said LaSala. "The participation of the Santa Anita jockey colony is another example of how these athletes, who share in both the excitement and danger of this sport remain committed to their fellow jockeys who are now leading much different lives."

HRTV's Kurt Hoover will again coach the jockey's squad and de-



spite having been defeated the past three years, is optimistic this year's result will be different.

"If we can field a full-squad and pressure Holy Angels from the half court line, I think we've got a good shot," said Hoover. "If we can rotate a steady supply of fresh horses, we can keep it close and I think we'll have a good shot to win it. We've got some really good athletes and even though Holy Angels is quite a bit bigger, we should be able to make up for it with good defense and intensity."

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Monrovia's City Manager Speaks:

LEGISLATURE BEGINS HEARINGS ON REDEVELOPMENT

This week, the Legislature convened hearings in various committees regarding the Governor's proposed elimination of redevelopment as part of his FY 2011-2012 budget. Cities and redevelopment agencies up and down the State are participating in the hearings, thanks to the organization and facilitation of the League of California Cities and the California Redevelopment Association.

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz is scheduled to testify before the Senate Local Government Committee next Wednesday. Though only allotted a brief period to speak about this critically important matter, Mayor Lutz will surely convey the unique and tailored profile of Monrovia's redevelopment program. Given the State's talking-point that redevelopment programs have already served their purpose and now deserve to be retired (as opposed to flatly stating that this is a money grab by Sacramento), Mayor Lutz will cover a few key points. Specifically, that:

- The economy is cyclical. We have just endured the most massive economic downturn since the Great Depression. Yet we will linger in the lapping waves of a modest recovery until citizens, consumers and investors can be convinced that the worst is behind us. There is no tool currently in the

State of California's arsenal - nor is there one credibly proposed - that can spur investment and value creation like redevelopment. Whether it is a \$28 million apartment building in Monrovia or a \$1.3 billion NFL stadium in LA, redevelopment is a catalyst for job growth. Contrary to the Governor's proposal, the State needs vibrant and dynamic redevelopment like never before.

- Redevelopment is evolving. In built-out cities such as Monrovia, traditional redevelopment is often difficult and increasingly infeasible. By "traditional redevelopment" I mean the assembly of a project site, and then the sale of the site to a private developer (often at a discounted price to spur the development along). Today, with resources already scarce, we can only afford a handful of these types of projects over a period of years; we need to be strategic in the investments the Agency makes directly. On the positive side, this has allowed redevelopment to mature into an "economic development" model - whereby we are facilitating, brokering, marketing and promoting projects in Monrovia. Similarly, in the arena of housing and neighborhood preservation, this transition has given rise to the MAP program and the creation of sustainable community-building efforts that help ensure that

we don't simply spend the same money twice trying to address long-term and vexing issues. Redevelopment is dynamic and well-executed, and continues to positively impact communities.

- Redevelopment creates value and opportunity. Very often, redevelopment is viewed as simply putting money into "fat-cat" developers' pockets. I suppose that is one way to view it; however, when conducted appropriately, this equation is actually inverted - that is, the community takes the investment from the private developer and leverages it in order to benefit the entire community. From new infrastructure improvements that a city might not be able to afford on its own, to new shopping and dining amenities that local residents want and appreciate, to the increased property and sales tax revenues generated which pay for more municipal services, redevelopment maximizes opportunities and leverages value.

Hopefully, these hearings will allow Legislators - many of whom are former city councilmembers - to remember the sting of State raids for the last 20 years. Hopefully, they will recall the absolute necessity of functional governance at the local level. And, hopefully, they will see the bigger picture.

Around Monrovia

Movie Night - The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library are sponsoring a Monday Night Movie perfect for the whole family on Monday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. We can't give the exact time, but we can tell you, it features a boy, a bear, a black panther, and an especially mean tiger. For additional information please call the Library at (626) 256-8274.

Youth Sports Program - The second league games for the Youth Sports Basketball Program were played on Wednesday, February 2, at the Santa Anita Family YMCA. The first game of the day featured the Mayflower Mariners versus the Bradoaks Bobcats. Bradoaks had a commanding half-time lead of 24-10. In the second half, Mayflower stormed back, but eventually lost 39-37 on a last second missed shot that could have tied the game. The second game was played between the Wild Rose Bears and the Monroe Lions. Wild Rose got off to an early lead and remained hot for the entire game, winning 60-8. All teams will be back in action next Wednesday, February 9. Cheer teams performed at half-time, and are preparing for their first Cheer Competition coming up on Wednesday, February 9. The Cheer Competition will be based around a dance routine. Youth Sports registration is still available at the Monrovia Community Center located at 119 West Palm Avenue, and is on a first come, first served basis. For additional information regarding the Youth Sports Program please call the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Senior Stretch Class - Seniors are invited to the Monrovia Community Center to attend a weekly stretching class. The classes are \$2 per class, and held every Monday at 1:00 p.m. This program is designed to increase

strength and range of motion by using isometrics, yoga, tai chi, and balance exercises, including breathing techniques. We encourage participants to wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel. For additional information please call the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Monrovia Senior Stompers - Watch out Monrovia! We're putting on our walking shoes and heading your way! We meet at the Community Center each Friday at 9:00 a.m. for a half-hour senior stretch, and then we start walking! This free program is offered to all seniors and active adults! For additional information please call the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Monrovia Community Center Closure - The Monrovia Community Center will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of President's Day.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 470 service events, resulting in 87 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events.

Vehicle Tampering - Suspect Arrested

On January 27 at 11:19 p.m., a resident was driving home on Sunset Place and observed a male subject in dark clothing hide behind a car. He proceeded to his driveway and parked, where he continued to observe the suspect. He saw the suspect walk into the driveway he was parked in and enter his roommate's unlocked car about 10 feet away. The resident exited his car and detained the suspect until officers arrived. The suspect had not yet taken anything from the car; however, his criminal history indicated he had numerous theft-related arrests in the last 30 days. He was held pending his court appearance due to the likelihood of reoccurrence.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On January 28, officers conducted a traffic stop behind a night club in the 300 block of South Myrtle. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence and was arrested. The driver saw a police car heading north on Myrtle and tried to avoid the officer, not realizing another officer was following him.

Residential Burglary - Suspects Arrested

On January 29 at 7:03 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Montana regarding two male suspects that had gone into the resident's garage and had taken her weight machine. She last saw the men at Myrtle and Montana pushing a shopping cart. Officers responded and located one of the suspects. Computer checks revealed he was in violation of his parole for burglary. He was arrested. The second suspect was located later and was also arrested. The weight machine was returned to the victim, but the weights are still outstanding.

Domestic Abuse - Suspect Arrested

On January 29 at 11:50 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 900 block of Monterey regarding a female subject that was hit by her live-in boyfriend and was having chest pains. Officers responded and located both subjects in the apartment. Both subjects are deaf, but officers were able to communicate with the assistance of a video translator the couple has in their apartment. The female had a bruise on her chest and was taken to a hospital for chest pains. The male subject was arrested and booked. The officer obtained an Emergency Protective Order and the male subject was served with the order.

Violation of Court Order - Suspect Arrested

On January 29 at 2:26 p.m., a female subject came to the police station to report her husband was in their house in violation of a court order. The female was battered the previous night and her husband had been arrested. An Emergency Protective Order had been obtained and the husband had been served. The husband returned to the house and entered through a window and got into bed. Officers responded to the residence and found the husband asleep. He was taken into custody and held for the likelihood of reoccurrence.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery

On February 2 at 12:06 p.m., an officer was sent to the 1600 block of South Shamrock regarding a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival, a male subject fled from the passenger seat of the vehicle and ran. An area search was conducted, but he was not located or identified. A female occupant was detained, pending further investigation. The rear license plate did not match the front license plate, which belonged to the vehicle. A DMV computer check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen from the City of San Dimas. Further investigation led officers to believe the female occupant did not have knowledge of the vehicle being stolen. She was identified and released. The vehicle was recovered. The male suspect is described as five-foot seven-inches, 160 pounds, shaved head, wearing a gray shirt and blue jeans. The investigation is continuing.

Hearing on Duarte's Lawsuit Against Vulcan Mining Expansion Postponed

DUARTE, CA February 8, 2011 - The first hearing on the City of Duarte lawsuit against the City of Azusa, challenging Azusa's approval of the Vulcan Materials mining expansion project scheduled for February 15, has been postponed until March 24. Duarte received notice in late January from Superior Court indicating that the Duarte v. Azusa matter was being reassigned to a new department and judge. Duarte's lawsuit was originally filed on August 3, 2010. Duarte's lawsuit seeks to overturn the Azusa City Council's certification of the Final Environment Impact Report as well as its approval of Vulcan's entitlements for the mining expansion project due to the Azusa City Council's violations of the Brown Act, California's "open meeting" law. Duarte's opening brief, filed on December 15, 2010, exposes Azusa's numerous violations of

the California Environmental Quality Act, including that Azusa's analysis of air quality impacts from blasting and trucking activities was deficient; that Azusa ignored the South Coast Air Quality Management Board's direction on the location and number of air monitoring stations, that Azusa proposed a public trail be located in the middle of a protected habitat without environmental analysis, and that Azusa failed to impose any mitigation measures for potential liquefaction impacts. Duarte's lawsuit also alleges the Azusa City Council violated the Ralph M. Brown Act, California's "open meeting" law in multiple ways when the Azusa Council took a series of illegal procedural steps leading to its approval of Vulcan's Amended Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and the Development Agreement. Additionally, Duarte's lawsuit alleges the Azusa City Council's

actions approving the Vulcan mining expansion project violated Azusa's own Municipal Code and the Development Agreement law. Vulcan and the City of Azusa submitted opposition briefs on January 14, 2011 and the City of Duarte submitted its final reply brief to the court on February 3, 2011. As approved by the Azusa City Council, the Vulcan mining expansion project is poised to destroy Van Tassel Ridge as Vulcan plans to extract 105.6 million tons of aggregate from the mountain between now and 2038. Over that same period, the City of Azusa stands to make more than \$65 million in mining fees and incentives from Vulcan at the expense of its neighbors in Duarte. For more information about the City of Duarte's Fight Against Vulcan Expansion, call Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

California Government: A New Legislature and Judicial Branch - For A Weekend

What if the State government were run by teens? It soon will be when 2,000 teen YMCA Youth and Government delegates, including 13 from Monrovia and Duarte, take over the state capitol offices during President's Day weekend.



Santa Anita Family YMCA Youth and Government delegates will be heading to Sacramento for President's Day weekend to participate in the 63rd annual YMCA Model Legislature and Court Program. The Monrovia and Duarte high school students from left, top row: Saul DeNova, Kevin Romero, Alexandra Sanchez, David Worden, David Pena, Carlos Rosa, and Christian Rodriguez. From left, bottom row: Mary Kenz, Katherine Madrid, Tylene Kelly, Katherine Barrera, and Sugra Sharafat. (not pictured) Haydee Velazquez.

FEED THE CHILDREN AND AVON PARTNER WITH FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER

800 of Foothill Unity Center's families have received vouchers for a special food, personal care products and Avon package distribution this Saturday, February 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Avon distribution center, 2940 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena. The event is the latest stop on Feed The Children's Americans Feeding Americans Caravan, which has helped families across the country in cities that have been affected by the nation's economic downturn. Feed The Children and its partners are moving semi tractor-trailers loaded with food, essentials/personal care items, and Avon products from coast to coast to give help and hope to people in need.

Each family will receive a 25-pound box of food, a 10-pound box of personal care items and a box of Avon products — enough to help a family for up to one week. Avon, a valued partner of the Caravan, has provided more than 250,000 boxes of Avon products to families in need across the United States since the program began in 2009. The boxes help provide hope, self-esteem and self-confidence that empowers women to build strong futures for their families.

"This is a wonderful bonus for our low-income families. Our clients are challenged to put food on their table, pay the rent or buy medications," said Tashera Taylor, Foothill Unity Center's Client Services Manager. "As they struggle to cover all the day-to-day costs they might once have been able to handle, they find themselves choosing between paying bills and buying groceries. It can be hard for people to turn to us for help to make ends meet. As we treat every client with love and dignity, they soon realize there's no shame in asking for a hand up."

About Foothill Unity Center

Founded in 1980, Foothill Unity Center is among the most respected and effective local nonprofits organizations in Southern California. It was designated the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area in 2008. In 2010, the Center distributed nearly four million pounds of food to 4,608 unduplicated very low-income families in Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, Sierra Madre, Bradbury, Baldwin Park, Irwindale, and Azusa. In 2011 the need remains constant as the economy stagnates. The Center's vital assistance truly helps those in crisis become self-sufficient again. For more information, visit foothillunitycenter.org.

About Feed The Children

Founded in 1979, Feed The Children is consistently ranked as one of the 10 largest international charities in the U.S., based on private, non-government support. Feed The Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters. In FY 2009, Feed The Children distributed more than 111 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally. Since its founding, the organization has reached out to help those in need in 119 countries around the globe. For more information, please visit www.feedthechildren.org.



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

First of all let's agree to agree, Valentine's Day, should be Valentine's week. A single day is not a long enough interval to express our love. How about an evening at home with a bottle of champagne and a candle lit dinner. You may wonder why a restaurant critic would dare such a blasphemy. It is an impossible night for restaurants. Service is not optimal and reservation often leads to an additional wait.

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentines, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

If the stay at home experience will not fly with your better half, let's go dining

One of my favorite restaurants in Pasadena is *The Central Park Café* on S. Fair Oaks. The menu offers a variety of meats, poultry and seafood. I am a major fan of their crab bisque soup. (626) 449-4499

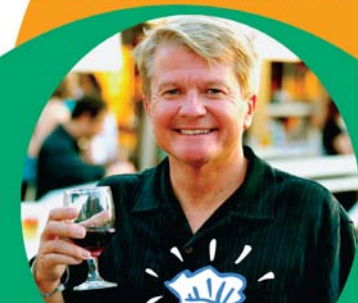
Noir on North Mentor next to the Ice House? Chef Claud Beltran is one of the best in town, in fact *Noir* was just named best new restaurant in Los Angeles by Zagat. (626) 795-7199

Avanti Café, The restaurant like the owner is small and very charming. Nice pizzas and pastas and you won't go broke eating at Avanti. (626) 577-4688

How about *Café Beaujolais* in Eagle Rock, I dined there recently and was very pleased with the dishes, plus their prices are reasonable. The crème brulee will make the most stubborn woman swoon. (323) 255-5111

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I was the luckiest child alive for I had mastered love. The eligible suitors of my neighborhood dared little so I found myself the keeper of a kingdom. And my kingdom contained a youthful Princess with eyes that beckoned and a heart that appeared to live for me alone. There was more of an angel in her than anything that existed in this fleeting world. And I was twice blessed, as she happened to be the sister of my friend. Which meant that I enjoyed the daily reports of her actions. She was faultless in beauty, managing to cripple the possession of my speech with her appearance. I cannot say for certain but we may have even understood that we were the classic May/December romance.

I courted her upon a maidens age of twelve, and I knew but ten. Her brother took it upon himself to become my first relationship counselor. As he suggested a flat rate of \$5.00, and for that handsome sum, he told me that he would pen her poetry and place my affections upon her pillow and broker the mention of my name at the evening dinner table. Being a burgeoning romantic, I tendered the contract and waited

for our love to fully blossom. My dear friend quickly expanded his baseball collection, but the days withered before me and in the end I was unable to steal even a solitary kiss from my angel. As so many things of life the timing was wrong. For she only carried eyes for a boy of thirteen.

As I advance in years I encounter many of the difficulties that we all must hurdle. I have also discovered that we often make our own angels. For love is often composed of a mindset capable of even trumping and shaping the firm realities we encounter. Time has a way of sifting the innocence from our imagination, and with it, the many angels of our mind.

In a poignant lesson from Chicken Soup for the Soul, a man offered this story of his wife. The two had purchased an ornate set of china and each time he asked his wife to display the china, she responded, we will use it when we have a very special occasion. Numerous events came and went through the years but she never considered one of them significant enough to draw the beautiful china from the cabinet. After she passed away her husband pondered with deep reflection the many times that they should have taken the china from the cabinet and shared it together. And he now realized that even the most common of days beside his wife were very special.

Our calendars designate a single day for love, Valentine's Day, but we do better if we can mark the calendar with that breed of love the year through, and we discovered the best in ourselves and others if we can measure a lifetime in the habit of such a thought. The special occasions of life are firmly held in the hugs we receive, the hands we hold and the kisses we are privileged to own.

Angels surround us, and it is up to you and I to give them wings.

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SUPERINTENDENT EDWIN DIAZ NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Hamilton Principal and Flintridge Center Also Honored

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced today that Superintendent Edwin Diaz, Principal Frances Weissenberger, and the Flintridge Center were selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) in Region XV for outstanding performance and achievement. All three recipients will be honored at a special ceremony in May. Both Mr. Diaz and the Flintridge Center are eligible for the statewide award.

“The entire Board of Education is very pleased to offer its congratulations to the PUSD winners who have been honored by ACSA,” said PUSD Board of Education President Bob Harrison. “These awards are certainly well-deserved, and reinforce what we’ve known for a long time – that we are fortunate to have such high-quality administrators and community partners serving our students.”

Superintendent Diaz, who was appointed Superintendent of the 19,000 student pre-K-12 district in 2007, has been named Administrator of the Year. With a focused approach on improving student achievement through rigorous instruction, expanding the capacity of the organization and its employees, and meaningfully engaging parents and community in student learning, Superintendent

Diaz has reinvigorated the academic achievement of PUSD students.

“We are fortunate to have a Superintendent whose enthusiasm for educating kids has not waned even in these difficult financial times,” said Mr. Harrison. “He is a man with effective organizational skills and integrity which together equate to a great leader and a role model for our community.”

Student achievement has soared by 52 points on the state’s Academic Performance Index over the past three years, surpassing the state’s rate of improvement. More PUSD schools have joined the “800 Club,” of schools that are considered high performing. With better collection of data and administrative teams focused on supporting students when they first show signs of leaving school before graduation, PUSD’s drop-out rate has decreased significantly.

Mr. Diaz also led a major reorganization of the district’s facilities division and the development of the district’s Facilities Master Plan, which involved parents, school staff, and community members. In 2009, voters approved Measure TT, a \$350 million school improvement bond to repair and modernize the district’s aging schools. To date, 90 percent of projects have been completed on time and under budget.

Hamilton Elementary School Principal Frances Weissenberger has also been selected as outstanding Beginning Administrator.



Business Leader Bill Podley (l) with Superintendent Diaz at a recent Pasadena Educational Foundation Event Photo by V. Parker/MVNews

She was named principal of the Blue Ribbon Award-winning school in 2009.

This award recognizes outstanding performance and achievement by a new administrator who demonstrates strong support for the school management team, exceptional leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, and creativity and innovation in dealing with issues and problems facing public education.

As an instructional leader, Ms. Weissenberger conducts professional development, models lessons for classroom teachers, leads lesson studies, and lends her expertise to district-level decisions on curriculum and assessment. She has built community at the campus, gained parent support, and garnered resources for school. Ms. Weissenberger has also partnered with another PUSD school to create a joint professional development model, with a focus on supporting English learners. Her commitment to ongoing communication is demonstrated by a monthly school newsletter, weekly “Hamilton Happenings” e-mails, Sunday evening phone calls to all families, Twitter and Facebook updates.

Pasadena’s Flintridge Center has won the Partnership in Education award, which recognizes programs and businesses that collaborate with administrators in support of education. Over the past 25 years, the Flintridge Center’s work and activities have been shaped by the community and its needs. Its mission has been to improve the quality of life for children, youth and families by initiating and supporting community partnerships, leveraging resources to strengthen nonprofit partners, and providing space for creative collaboration.

2003, the Flintridge Center formed a collaboration of students, community members, and local nonprofit, civic and business leaders to respond to the lack of after-school programs at John Muir High School. This led to the formation of Mustangs on the Move, which provides educational and enrichment activities on Muir’s campus. The impressive list of this program’s achievements includes:

- Mustangs on the Move’s attendance rate is nearly double the national standard of after-school programs;
 - More than 30% of seniors for the past three years have graduated on schedule after completing math, social science and English credit reclamation classes offered by Mustangs on the Move;
 - Of the ten seniors serving as student advisors during 2009/2010, nine were accepted to four-year universities;
 - Students who regularly participate in Mustangs on the Move programs have a higher school attendance rate than those who don’t. They are also more likely to score proficient or advanced on state tests for all grades.
 - 90% of students who completed the Mustangs on the Move preparation class for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) passed one section and 78% passed both sections.
- The Association of California School Administrators was established in 1971. ACSA is the largest umbrella organization for school leaders in the nation, serving more than 16,000 school leaders. ACSA Region XV serves 56 school districts in northern Los Angeles County including cities such as Pasadena, Pomona, Palmdale, West Covina, Burbank, El Monte, Santa Clarita, Lancaster, Glendale, La Puente, Whittier and more.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERS WITH LOCAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TO ENTER THE LEXUS-ECO-CHALLENGE FOR \$15,000

Waste Less Living, Inc.—a local environmental company specializing in zero waste consulting and composting services—just recently partnered with the Enrichment Class Students at High Point Academy School in Pasadena to enter the Final Challenge of the Lexus Eco-Challenge. The Lexus Eco-Challenge is a nationwide competition to inspire students to take action and protect the environment and is offering \$15,000 to winning applicants. The High Point students entered the competition back in October 2010 to reduce the amount of waste generated on campus for the month. They were one of 16 winners and received \$10,000 for their project (<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3750833>). The Final Challenge is designed to motivate students to reach beyond the local community to the greater world on a particular environmental topic. The students have chosen WASTE and are eager to share what they have learned with other students and the community...as well as demonstrate how they achieved their 76% waste diversion rate last year through the Waste Less Living program.

Because of their enthusiasm and commitment to wasting less, Waste Less Living has agreed to help them in their next challenge. “We are so thrilled that our program has inspired these kids to do even more and we couldn’t be more pleased that they were recognized by Lexus. With this final challenge, we are hoping to inspire a nation to get on board with composting,” said Christine Lenches-Hinkel, Founder and President of Waste Less Living. The students have challenged themselves and set a goal of reaching out to at least 5 area schools in an effort to raise awareness about the environmental impacts surrounding solid waste. With assistance from Waste Less Living, the students will conduct a solid waste audit at each of the 5 campus’ to determine the waste generation rate at that school. The HPA students will also delivery a short talk on the purpose of the audit and provide waste sorting assistance. The results of the audits will be formally presented by the students at an Open House they plan to hold the first weekend of March. Each school, its students and parents are encouraged to attend. “The best part in all of this is that their outreach efforts will be documented by video and photographs to be transmitted via the social media channels to reach a much larger audience on an on-going basis,” added Lenches-Hinkel.

The first solid waste audit that is to be conducted will be at Aveson School of Leaders (K-5) Charter School in Altadena located at 1919 Pinecrest Drive, Altadena, CA 91001 from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The students and Waste Less Living are actively recruiting other schools to sign-on and Waste Less Living has offered to conduct the audits ‘at-cost’ for 4 other schools who sign on before March 5th. A typical solid waste audit and waste management plans runs approximately \$5,000. Schools can take advantage of this opportunity and pay only \$750 for a streamlined lunch-audit.

As High Point Academy is now its second year with the Waste Less Living program, the students are well versed in the process and have taken their new waste management responsibility very seriously. They are in a key position to conduct the outreach and inspire other students and schools to do the same.

For more information on this program and the products and services Waste Less Living provides, please contact:

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TEENAGER & WAFFLES

There is a restaurant in Pasadena that is infamous in the teenage world – beloved for its delicious food; this is the place to go if you are hungry. I had heard about this place on many occasions. Driven past it on the way to a friend’s house. Even seen a commercial for it in the cult movie TapeHeads. And for the first time in my almost seventeen years, I finally ate at the restaurant known only as Roscoe’s.

As I entered the restaurant, the haunting aroma of chicken and waffles saturated my senses, causing my mouth to water with anticipation. Although I’d never gone, I already knew what I was ordering: the Country Boy. The Country Boy consists of three pieces of fried chicken and one golden waffle the size of a dinner plate. Absolute heaven in the eyes of a teenager.

I had never been so eager to eat anything in my entire life, and the anticipation grew with each passing moment. When the food finally came, I was not disappointed. Lying before me was a hot plate covered in food that looked almost too good to be true. The fried chicken was crisp yet tender; the meat fell off of the bone with ease, and the gargantuan waffle was absolutely divine. Golden, fluffy, and with a hint of cinnamon, that waffle eaten in a makeshift burrito with the chicken was one of the best things I have ever eaten, hands down. The saltiness of the chicken was balanced perfectly with the sweet waffle – something that only Roscoe’s can truly achieve.

Almost two hours later, as my friends and I were leaving the restaurant, I knew that I had just discovered and entirely new frontier in my appetite and was already planning my next trip there.



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About this special supplement: On March 8, 2011, an election will be held to elect two people to the Pasadena Unified School District's Board of Education. This election is of the greatest importance to all residents of Sierra Madre, Altadena and Pasadena. Therefore, this paper will expand its coverage of the campaign and the candidates in hopes that we can help you make an informed decision and to inspire you to VOTE, whether you have school aged children or not. -Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor

EDUCATION CANDIDATES ADDRESS PUSD ISSUES

By Vivianne Parker

Candidates for the March 8 election made the rounds recently to inform the public about their campaign issues at a forum held at the Pasadena Senior Citizen Center, addressing the issues to an important segment of the community which is sometimes overlooked by the candidates. Marvin Schachter, Executive Director with AARP, said the growing number of seniors have a key interest in education. They see personally how the cuts have effected the school system where their grandchildren attends. Some have experienced cuts as well with in-home supportive services. The forum gave them an opportunity to present questions to education candidates as well as City Council candidates.

Schachter said the Governor's recent decision to abolish redevelopment agencies was a move "in the right direction." "We do have a problem with balancing the budget of having income equal expenditures," Schachter believes that California cannot meet the needs of the magnificent education system it has created. "Therefore, we have to work on increasing revenue. Two very good examples are we don't have a depletion tax. When natural resources are taken out of the state. Texas has a depletion taxes, and it's a very conservative state. But, we don't. So, when oil companies produce oil in California, there is no tax on the production. Companies are making more profits today than ever before and gas prices are higher than any other place. Secondly, even under Ronald Reagan and Governor Wilson, a rigorous Republican, they put a surplus on higher income taxpayers, which was a temporary short-term tax to increase the income of the state for those people who are able to pay for it. So there are ways to increase revenue to maintain the essential programs."

Schachter sees the essential programs "are on the cutting board," and he sees this a problem for seniors. "I appreciate what the Governor is doing. "We must maintain a continuum as we face an explosion in the senior

market in the next couple of years. The baby boomers are becoming seniors at a time when their daily pay will not outlive their income. That's a very big problem." That is one reason why ACT joined AARP California, Senior Advocacy Council of Pasadena, and the Arroyo Democratic Club to be an advocacy voice for this group. ACT, is a political advocacy group that researches and makes recommendations to its 250 members in Pasadena of local, state, and national elections.

Accepting the invitations were Gene Stevenson, running for the Pasadena Unified School District Seat 4 (left), and the opponents for the Seat 6 position, Sean Baggett, Gaylaird Christopher and Incumbent Tom Selinske. John Buchanan, Mayor Pro Tem from Sierra Madre moderated the event. Seat 4 candidate Kimberly Kenne was unable to attend the event.

Each candidate was given a two-minute opening to address the audience. Incumbent Tom Selinske gave a school district highlight, which was receiving a "clean audit, the first time in 10 years," from the Citizens Oversight Committee. He also chaired a project to improve the Measure TT audits, where 90% of the projects were delivered on time as well as creating the facilities management guidelines.

Selinske hopes to "build partnerships with the community, PCC and the City of Pasadena." In doing so, he believes it will "increase funds, resources, and lower our drop out rates."

Gaylaird Christopher, also running for Seat 6, said he "remembered the special teachers that reached out to me that made a difference in my life. Our community is an amazing place. I remember as a kid and thinking I'd love to live here in the future. I think our schools can match the quality of our community. I agree we are facing hard times, but this is an opportunity for us to do things differently. We can reopen our closed schools. We can explore

interesting K-8 schools, bringing students back to the district." "We wasted some money in the last bond, and I can help assure that those funds are spent correctly and efficiently in the future."

Sean Baggett, an instructor, is also a candidate for Seat 6. He said "public education has been my life," listing experience as an aide, special education instructor, and holding a teaching educational leadership position. His concerns are "the 11 schools that need program improvement. The declining enrollment is not an answer for my daughter."

Gene Stevenson, community leader, is running for Seat 4. "I'm here tonight as a candidate because I want to play a major role in facilitating your dreams for your children and the type of dreams that I had when I was in school. I was raised in Louisiana, 1 of 11 children, whose family existed on very low wages. We had to resort to public assistance. But, all of us graduated from high school. It wasn't only because of the support we got from our parents alone. It was the support we got from teachers, principals, and people like you who are here tonight. That's the kind of support for us to give to our children here in Pasadena to ensure that they enjoy the same kind of opportunities to succeed in our school district as I experienced as a young person growing up in Louisiana."

Mountain Views News recently followed up with each candidate attending the ACTS forum to see the passion behind their campaign bid for the next Seats on the School Board district as they discuss issues which face the PUSD system. Kimberly Kenne did not speak that night and Sean Baggett was not available for a follow-up interview. They will be interviewed at a later time. The candidates (Gene Stevenson, Gaylaird Christopher and Tom Selinske) each hopes to be the next board member for Seats 4 and 6 that will help move the district toward success.

Next week: The Interviews

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS*

Pasadena Unified School District

Board of Education Elections - March 8, 2011

(Per the Voter Information Pamphlet - Office of the Pasadena City Clerk)

SEAT 4

GENE STEVENSON

AGE: 72

Occupation:

Executive Administrator

Public education is a complex business requiring board members who have the leadership abilities, experience and know how to effectively oversee and guide both educational programming as well as budget and fiscal operations, personnel administration, labor relations, contracting, capital projects and long range planning. Those skills are increasingly important given the economic conditions confronting our state, nation and school district. Those are the kind of skills that must be brought to the job as a board member. I have those skills and the executive experience needed to provide the quality of sound decision-making and effective leadership Pasadena Unified School District requires and deserves. If all of our children are to succeed, they require no less than the best in its leadership and that is the quality of leadership that I will bring to the Board.

KIMBERLY KENNE

AGE: 48

Occupation: Education Data Consultant

I am one of the PUSD's top parent volunteers.

I am the best qualified and most experienced candidate.

I served four years as the Chairperson of the PUSD's District Advisory Council coordinating between parents and staff at all PUSD schools on subjects relating to funding, educational programs and legal compliance issues. I worked to educate hundreds of PUSD parents on issues like testing and accountability, standards based report cards, Open Enrollment, Special Education, budgeting and Parent Partnerships.

My children have attended PUSD's Blair High School, Eliot Middle School, Burbank Elementary and Longfellow Elementary School.

While the PUSD has made significant progress, there is much work to do. As past leader of the PUSD's parent advisory councils, I developed and monitored plans for improving student achievement. I know that effective planning and evaluation will improve performance.

As a PUSD board member, I will place pressure on our schools to increase excellence by:

Insisting on high expectations for student behavior and academic performance

Increase academic rigor of PUSD's High Schools
Stop wasteful spending by aligning expenditures with academic goals.

I believe that parental involvement is an essential part of a child's education

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SEAT 6

TOM SELINSKE

AGE: 53

Occupation:

Businessperson/Educator/
School Board Member

The challenge for the Pasadena Unified School District is greater than ever. Education budget cuts from Sacramento create tremendous pressure. Despite the deepest cuts in a generation, PUSD continues to see success in tough economic times.

It has been my privilege to serve the District as a Board Member and President during the past 4 years, during which time our Average Performance Index (API) scores have risen consistently, outpacing the state's average growth. A majority of our elementary schools now have API scores over 800, while the District as a whole is up 51 points.

We've cut wasteful spending by streamlining the District Administration, and saved over \$700,000 by implementing energy efficient measures. I worked to secure a \$2.4 million federal grant to improve college enrollment and career preparation for our high school students.

Our middle and high school API scores are also rising. I will continue to work closely with parents, teachers, and students to increase our graduation rate, narrow the achievement gap, and prepare all students for success.

I pledge to use your vote to continue to deliver responsible and accountable PUSD leadership.

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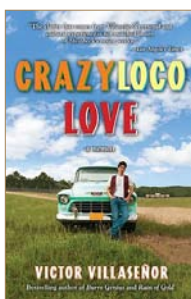
The Book Report

which depicts the vulnerability and naiveté of a young man wrestling with the roles expected of him by society & the church, while undermining the macho stereotype often associated with Latinos. Growing up on a ranch in San Diego, he spent his teenage years struggling to understand his identity, faith and his burgeoning sexuality. Though the son of a successful self-made man, Victor must deal with discrimination. His journey of self discovery leads him to question the tenets of his catholic faith and its restrictions it places on him. Ultimately his quest takes him across the border to learn about his roots & to discover his own potential. His youthful misadventures will elicit both sympathy and laughter as he attempts to divine the mysteries of the opposite sex in this powerful memoir. He has written a number of other best selling books as well!

CRAZY LOCO LOVE: A MEMOIR

by Victor E. Villasenor

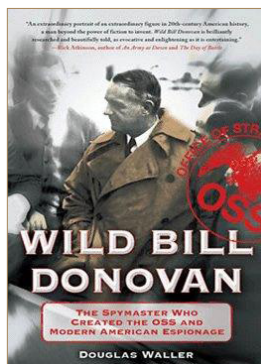
This Pulitzer Prize nominated author has written in Crazy Loco Love a humorous & poignant book



WILD BILL DONOVAN: The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage

by Douglas Waller

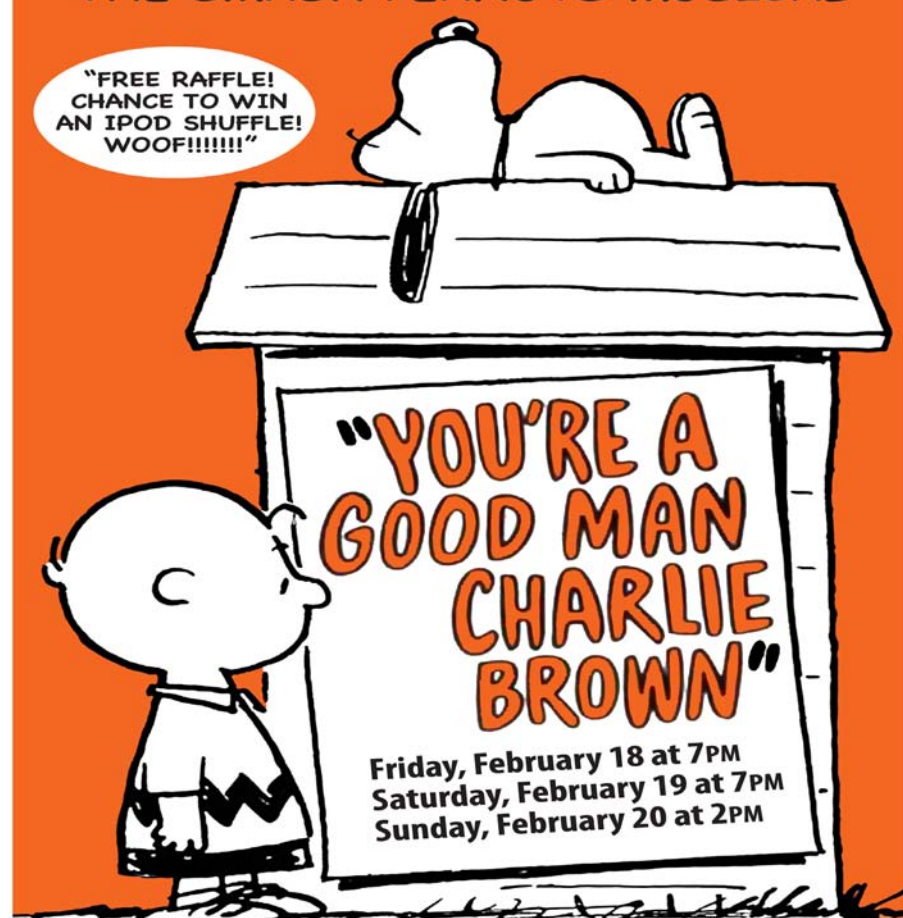
He was one of America's most exciting and secretive generals - the man Franklin Roosevelt made his top spy in World War II. A mythic figure whose legacy is still intensely debated, "Wild Bill" Donovan was director of the Office of Strategic Services (the country's first national intelligence agency) and the father of American Espionage. Donovan introduced the nation to the dark arts of covert warfare on a scale it had never seen before. Now, veteran journalist Douglas Waller has mined government and private archives throughout the United States and England, drawn on thousands of pages of recently declassified documents, and interviewed scores of Donovan's relatives, friends, and associates to produce a riveting biography of one of the most powerful men in modern espionage. Wild Bill Donovan reads like an action-packed spy thriller, with stories of daring young men and women in his OSS sneaking behind enemy lines for sabotage, breaking into Washington embassies to steal secrets, plotting to topple Adolf Hitler, and suffering torture or death when they were captured by the Gestapo. It is also a tale of political intrigue, of infighting at the highest levels of government, of powerful men pitted against one another. Donovan fought enemies at home as often as the Axis abroad. Douglas Waller is a bestselling author and veteran reporter for Newsweek and Time and has reported on the CIA for 6 years.



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SEAN'S SHAMELESS MUSIC REVIEWS

The Best Show On Television You're Not Watching: SHAMELESS

Showtime network knows a thing or two about dysfunctional families. After the success of original hits such as "Weeds" and "Californication", it's no surprise that they've assembled yet another soon to be classic of the subgenre. "Shameless", a new breed of the abortive family, is one of the most promising new series' of 2011. To put it gently, "Shameless" completely blows other primetime network shows about problematic families out of the water. Originally an award winning British television series, creator Paul Abbott and executive producer John Wells effortlessly transport the essential goods of the UK version of "Shameless" and adapt it nearly

verbatim for US audiences. However, this isn't your watered down edition. This new juggernaut of cable television is no cookie cutter, not one bit restrained, nor some kind reproduction of the same old triteness like the crap cluttering the basic networks. Expect the unexpected with "Shameless"

The ensemble show is about the Gallagher family, a twisted, untamed, unapologetic group of misfits that live with their drunken and often times uncompassionate father, Frank (portrayed flawlessly by William H. Macy). Frank, the perpetual screw-up of the group, isn't a father to aspire to become. He's boisterous, rambunctious, and selfish. On the other side of the worn down coin is the leader of the tight-knit clan, Fiona (superbly characterized by Emmy Rossum). She serves as not only the eldest child of Frank's, but also the role of an unlikely mother surrogate to her siblings. Fiona is independent, selfless, but flawed. She's the girl next door, if the girl next door liked to party, work odd jobs, and looked after five wild adolescents. Nonetheless, she keeps everyone's spirits up through the likelihood of adversities. To round out the collection of smart, but directionless rebels, we have Lip, Ian, Debbie, Carl, baby Liam, and boyfriend Steve. Each original personality is distinctively diverse, but when trouble seizes to rise, the family (minus Frank regularly) bounds together like a wolf pack. They may be strapped for cash, act completely unorthodox, and follow the beat of their own individual drum, but the group never gives up on the importance making it through the day as a whole unit.

"Shameless" is a nitty-gritty depiction of family life with real hurdles to jump. It's the perfect portrait of a lower class suburban family besieged with the daily hardships of surviving in this troublesome day and age. Low on funds, but affluent with love and support for one another, watching the Gallagher bunch roll with the punches is outrageously engrossing. Entertaining characters and plotlines covering delicate family terrain with daring nature makes the potential of the series immeasurable. Raw and tragic with frequently humorous anecdotes, "Shameless" is absolutely compelling and simply a riot to watch. If it continues to strive ahead from episode-to-episode like it has, it will be without a doubt a show that one should not miss out on each and every episode.

Senator Huff Seeks Artist Submissions

Artwork Winners Will be Displayed at State Capitol

SACRAMENTO: Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) is now seeking entries for the California State Senate art show, which features local artwork from every corner of California. Artists from the 29th Senate District can submit as many works as they would like, and Senator Huff will select the entry that best represents his district, which covers portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties.

"Artwork entries can include oil paintings, works on paper, weavings, wall hangings and sculpture," said Senator Huff. "However, the works must be no larger than three feet by five feet, as space at the State Capitol is limited. The purpose of this event is to showcase California's original artists."

The California State Senate art show competition is open to all ages. All submissions will be treated with the utmost respect and care and will be safely returned to artists at the end of the exhibit.

Artists who wish to enter the contest should send a photograph of the artwork submission, either by mail or email, with a brief description of the entry. Artists should also send a brief description of themselves and why they feel their artwork best represents the 29th Senate District.

"The deadline for submitting entries is February 23rd," said Senator Huff. "That will give my office time to review each entry, notify the winner and ship the art to the State Capitol in Sacramento by March 18th."

Entries can be delivered to Senator Huff's District Office in Walnut. The address is 20888 Amar Road, Suite 205, Walnut, CA 91789. Photos of entries can also be emailed to Senator Huff through his District Director at tim.shaw@sen.ca.gov. Please put California State Senate Art Show Submission in the subject line.

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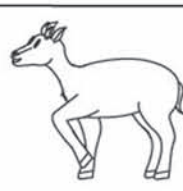


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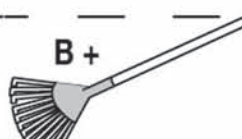
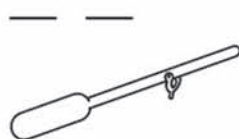
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3. full of sorrow
4. floor of fireplace
5. deeply felt, sincere
6. body's most important muscle, pumps blood
7. has no feelings, cruel
8. cheering
9. strong, good health
10. a single pumping of the heart



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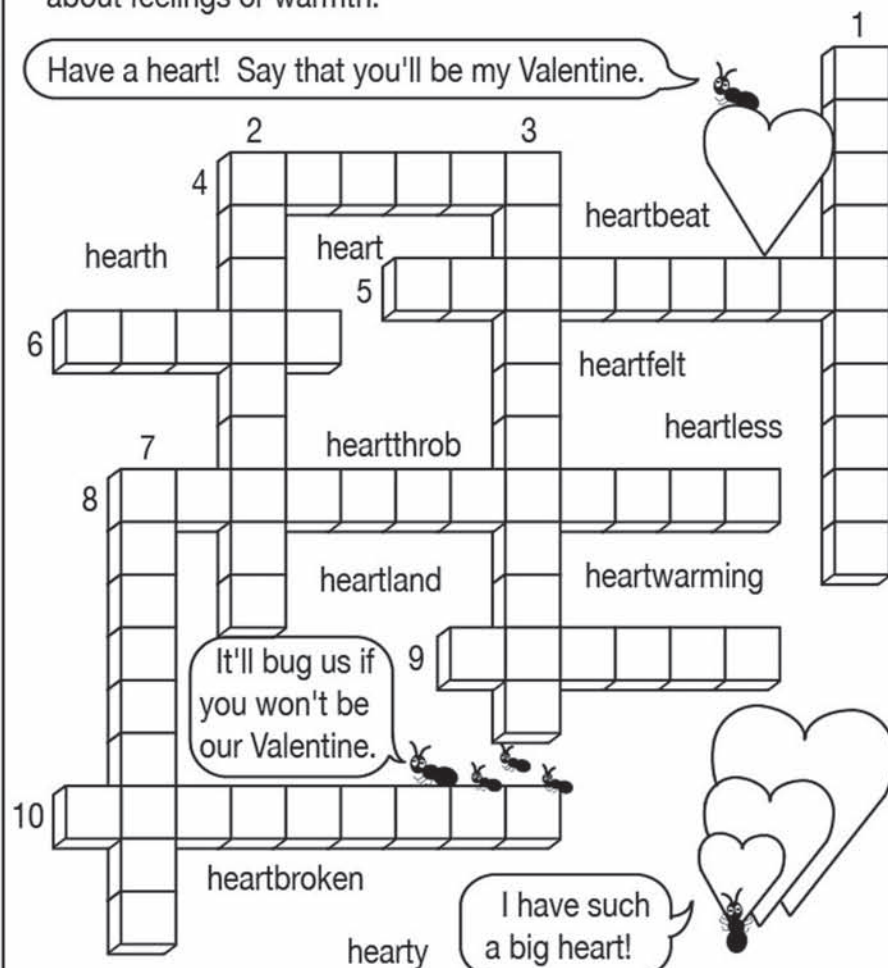
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HOWARD Hays As I See It



It's been awhile (at least a week) since I've mentioned our congressman, Rep. David Dreier, so before moving on I want to note his vote on our behalf last December in refusing to oppose child

marriage.

Senate Bill 987, The International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act, passed by unanimous consent in the Senate and received majority support in the House, but fell short of the 2/3 needed to pass under rules then in effect.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) commented, "The action on the House floor stopping the Child Marriage bill tonight will endanger the lives of millions of women and girls around the world. These young girls, enslaved in marriage, will be brutalized and many will die when their young bodies are torn apart while giving birth. Those who voted to continue this barbaric practice brought shame to Capitol Hill."

The bill would've made child marriage a factor in foreign aid and, as stated in its official summary, authorized the president to provide assistance to "promote the educational, health, economic, social and legal empowerment of girls and women". The CBO estimated a "potential" cost of \$67 million over four years. According to Rep. Steve LaTourette (R-OH), "societies that are coercing young girls into marriage, we could build them latrines so they could go to school. Or we could make sure that they stay in school so they're not forced into marriage ... Look, this is a partisan place. I'm a Republican. I'm glad we beat their butt in the election; we're going to be in the majority next year. But there comes a time when enough is enough ... We should stop the nonsense, approve the bill and move on."

Rep. Dreier declined to "stop the nonsense" and voted against alleviating a situation where, noted Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), "... more than 60 million girls under the age of 18, many only 12 or 13, are married, usually to men more than twice or three times their age. Between one half and three-fourths of all girls are married before the age of 18 in countries such as Chad, Mali, Bangladesh and Nepal." As Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) put it, "a handful of Republicans chose partisan politics over the basic human rights of young girls."

Rep. Dreier couldn't support a possible \$67 million for the Child Marriage Act, but dutifully voted to add \$858 billion to America's debt to extend tax breaks for multi-millionaires.

This all came to mind as I heard concerns expressed that the outcome in Egypt might be Muslim domination endangering human rights. Much of this concern no doubt comes from those who couldn't bring themselves to support the Child Marriage Act.

Of all the images coming out of Egypt (and Tunisia), I haven't seen the burning of American flags or those once-ubiquitous "Death to Amerika" placards. Perhaps one reason is the Obama Administration's recognizing that among the most important rights is the right of a people to make their own history. Another is avoiding sanctimonious lecturing, where words are used for political effect while belied by actions. We've espoused human rights while failing to take action against child marriage. We've trashed the word "freedom", using it as a cover for military incursions and economic subjugation.

To the Reagan Administration, supporting "freedom" meant supporting dictators who accepted our aid in suppressing populist movements. Thugs, allied with the Somoza dictatorship of Nicaragua and who, according to the Catholic charity Progreso, had a record of "murder, torture, mutilation, rape, arson, destruction and kidnapping", were labeled "Freedom Fighters" by President Reagan (not to mention "the moral equivalent of our Founding Fathers").

George W. Bush's proclamation that "Freedom is on the march" accompanied invasions and occupations of sovereign states, hundreds of thousands of civilian casualties, and imposed governments having more in common with the City of Bell than any ideals of democratic rule we preached about.

In Egypt, the "freedom" Bush seemed to envy was their freedom to torture, as the torture chambers of that country became favored destinations in the CIA's program of "extraordinary renditions". (Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman, the newly-appointed Vice President engaged in talks with the opposition, was the overseer of torture under President Mubarak, and in at least one instance directly participated.)

We also have a lousy record over the past century in dispensing economic advice. In Egypt, as in other developing countries, the advice came through the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Financial regulations were eased and privatization accelerated. Corporate tax rates were dropped and public investments cut. Profits and incomes soared, while Moody's and other investment firms predicted a strong future ahead.

All the while, corruption grew as policymakers became beholden to corporate interests. Media became more concentrated and adapted a more controlled message. Prices were artificially inflated through manipulation by banks and other firms. Job creation couldn't keep pace with job seekers. Wealth became concentrated at the top while child poverty increased. Income disparity grew towards a breaking point.

The same thing happened in Egypt.

(One difference: The average U.S. Senator has a net worth of \$1.7 million, while Mubarak's wealth is estimated in the tens of billions.)

Many are inspired by the trade unions of the textile mills in northern Egypt which ignited protests against the government two years ago. And many of those so inspired will at the same time work to weaken collective bargaining in our own country.

With growing accessibility in global communication, hypocrisy is more easily laid bare, whether in professed support of human rights or a march of "freedom". At the same time, sincerity is more apparent and valued, as in the words of an American for whom the words "rights" and "freedom" were not mere metaphors:

"Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground."

Frederick Douglass

LIES, DAMNED LIES & BUDGET PROMISES

GREG Welborn



Used to be when I grew up that there were only lies, damn lies and then statistics. Looks like we have to add in Republican budget promises. Hal Rogers, the new House Appropriations Chairman, just took to the podium to announce with great enthusiasm that the new Republican Congress will cut \$100 billion from President Obama's 2011 proposed budget, which is what the voters in this fine land had sent him and his fellow Republicans to Washington to do. Unfortunately, that is NOT what voters sent the politicians to do. That is NOT what the Republican Pledge for America promised. Here is what we sent them to do; here is what the Pledge actually says:

Cut Government Spending to Pre-Stimulus, Pre-Bailout Levels: "With common-sense exceptions for seniors, veterans, and our troops, we will roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels, saving us at least \$100 billion in the first year alone and putting us on a path to begin paying down the debt, balancing the budget, and ending the spending spree in Washington that threatens our children's future."

What that means is Republicans promised to use the 2008 budget as the baseline to which they were going to reduce spending. The problem with their actions today is that by using Obama's 2011 budget, they're looking at a budget which is already a trillion dollars larger. To cut \$100 billion from that inflated budget and pass it off as a promise kept is simply a lie.

The vast majority of Republicans running for House seats in 2010 told voters that they had learned their lessons from the "thumpin'" they took in 2006 and in 2008. They admitted they had "lost their way" and had learned their lesson. They pleaded with voters to give them another chance. Everything would be different if only we would return them to D.C. in November of 2010.

Well, that's what we did. Republicans, Tea Party volunteers and independent voters combined to express their collective outrage at the fiscal irresponsibility of Obama and the Democrats and sent a tsunami GOP wave to Washington. With Chairman Rogers' announcement, we're all feeling like Charlie Brown flying through the air after Lucy has once again pulled it away. Our trust has been misplaced.

We, the voters, are not the only ones who will be burned by this. The Republican Party is in the process of throwing their credibility into the biggest bonfire they're ever going to see. If they think they got burned by voter anger at the townhall meetings held over the last two years, they're going to think they've been doused in napalm and spontaneously combusted by the time voters deal with this betrayal.

Even more insulting than the betrayal is the insinuation that we are stupid enough to be hoodwinked about it. How else can you explain Republican efforts, heard today on the radio as I write this article, to pass off a measly \$40 billion in spending reductions, today with an estimate that \$60 billion will come tomorrow (that's the \$100 billion), as the same as returning spending to the 2008 budget baseline, which was last seen \$1 trillion ago?

Leading Republicans (not conservatives mind you) are now adopting the scare tactics Democrats have used for decades to avoid making wise financial decisions on our behalf. Chairman Rogers, for one, told Republicans that cutting more now risked forcing layoffs of federal employees at a time when employment rates were already too high.

This is the same sort of twisted equality Democrats use - arguing that a growing government employs more people (which is good) and thus shrinking government employs fewer people (which is bad). This is complete and utter nonsense. Americans don't equate employment of some bureaucrat with employment in the private sector. We don't think it's a good idea to take our money away from us in order to give it to some bureaucrat whose job is to further intrude in our lives and restrict our freedoms. The whole point of the Pledge was to shrink the government, reduce the spending, send our money back to us and put bureaucrats on some sort of 12-step program where they could learn how to be productive actually making something in the private sector.

Perhaps we need another party after all. Thus far, the Tea Party has not run candidates as a separate party. They have chosen to support candidates - Republican or Democrat - who agree to honor the Tea Party philosophy of limited government, balanced budgets and individual freedom. If the Republican leadership doesn't pull away from their suicide course, they may just see conservatives and independents throwing their support to the Tea Party as a real third party, running its own candidates. I wouldn't have thought that possible, but I live and learn.

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RICH Johnson



VALENTINE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Considering the upcoming Valentines Day celebration, it seems to me nothing could be more important than offering guys help and understanding on maintaining good relationships with gals. Bearing that in mind, let us review the 17 sacrosanct rules of engagement that exist between men and women:

1. The female ALWAYS makes the rules.
2. The rules are subject to change without notice.
3. No male can possibly know all the rules.
4. If the female suspects the male is close to knowing all the rules, she can immediately change some of the rules.
5. The female is NEVER wrong.
6. If it appears the female is wrong, it is because of a misunderstanding on the part of the male.
7. If Rule #6 applies, the male must apologize immediately for causing said misunderstanding.
8. The female can change her mind at ANY time.
9. The male must NEVER change his mind without the express written consent of the female.
10. The female has every right to be angry or upset at any time.
11. The male must remain calm at all times, unless the female wants him to be angry or upset.
12. The male is expected to read the mind of the female at all times.
13. At all times, it must be understood what is important is what the female meant, not what she said.
14. If the male cannot abide by the rules, it is because he can't take the heat, lacks backbone, and is a wimp.
15. If the female has PMS, all the rules are null and void, and the male must cater to her every whim.
16. Any attempt to document the rules could result in bodily harm.
17. If the male at any time, believes he is right, he must refer immediately to rule #5.

Let me conclude with some timely thoughts by others on love and marriage.

Marriage is not a word but a sentence. *Author unknown (or chicken)*

Marriage is the only way in which you sleep with the enemy. *Unknown*

If you want to read about love and marriage you've got to buy two books. *Alan King*

A man in love is incomplete until he is married. Then he is finished. *Zsa Zsa Gabor*

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. *George Burns*

And finally..."All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner. *Red Skelton*

Happy Valentine's Day.

P.S. All the previous performances of "Cinderella" at the Sierra Madre Playhouse have been sellouts. There is a reason for the sellouts. It is an extraordinarily fun play for people of all ages. There are two more performances coming up on Saturday, February 19th. One is at 11:00 am and the other at 1:30 pm. Call 355-4318 and make reservations soon. Guys, take the significant gal or gals in your life. It will be worth it (wink, wink, nudge, nudge.)



STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

ARE YOU SUPERIOR, AND WHO CARES?



I admit that I like going out to breakfast and ordering meals that I could easily prepare at home - or

at least ask my wife to toast the bread and scramble the eggs. Really, I can only guess at my motivation but it has something, I think, to do with feeling of being taken care of and not being responsible to do the dishes. Anyway, it makes me feel good and so it was that my friend Gene and I went out to breakfast this morning. Gene has been here for the purpose of lending support to me as I deal with the death of my mother and we are using the time to visit our childhood friend, Steve, who is rehabbing after his third brain surgery operation. After my wife left for an early meeting I dragged Gene over to Andy's Coffee Shop for breakfast. The Coffee Shop is right near Pasadena City College, about fifteen minutes away. Gene asked why we had to go so far for breakfast and I said the coffee shop was right next to the College where my wife worked and this trek somehow assuaged my feelings of guilt over the fact that my wife was working today and I was not.

Actually this explanation made little sense even to me. The real reason I wanted to go to Andy's was that there is a special booth there reserved, well not exactly reserved, for me. Next to one of the booths, pasted on the wall, are a couple of my columns and a picture of my son sitting next to a statue of Mark Twain. I

know Mark Twain is a favorite of Gene's and I thought seeing my columns on the wall would be a pleasant surprise for him. At the same time I felt kind of embarrassed at being concerned about such trivialities while our friend was in the hospital and I was only one day removed from my mom's funeral. Still I concede that I wanted my friend to see my columns and picture pasted to the wall.

When we got to the restaurant there was a couple sitting in "my" booth and they were actually reading the article. They looked at me and saw my picture with the article and very graciously volunteered to move to another booth behind us. Gene and I sat in my booth and I started up a conversation with these people and noticed the woman was wearing a name tag that identified her as being affiliated with hospitals. It turned out the man was a respiratory therapist and I shared the story of how my mother's death had involved pneumonia connected to the use of a feeding tube. He explained the connection to me and I discussed my experiences of my mother's last hours during which time I held her hand. He seemed to understand and said that for many relatives the last remembrance they have is the feeling of holding the hand of the departed.

This all seemed like too much of a coincidence to me and I asked the couple to wait a second while I raced (yes, raced) out to my car and retrieved last week's paper which included my mother's

obituary and my article entitled My Mother's Hands. I gave them the article which they read and complimented. The woman said a part of her job was as a kind of liaison to the private Hospitals in the San Gabriel Valley and that she was going to make it a point to post my article on the wall of every emergency room in the Valley. Her husband said he was going to try and do the same thing in Orange County as my article dealt with a lot of issues faced by relatives of patients who were in the last stages of life. He said my article would be of help to a lot of people.

I turned back to Gene and he said, "Well I can see this really makes your day." I said something about hoping the article really went up on the walls and that I really would be thrilled if I was of help to some people. Gene scoffed at this and seemed to indicate that he believed all I really wanted was recognition and validation. This really made me mad, so mad that I wonder if deep down I have some doubts. Really, I don't think it's true. Still I admit I crave something or other from the world. Maybe it's not recognition of superiority or entitlement or a desire for money or fame - but it's something. It has to do with why I write these articles and why I do the work I do. All I can say is that I want to become the person I've always wanted to be and maybe validation and recognition are signposts that I'm on the right track. Are you familiar with this same road or am I alone in my never-ending search?

HAIL Hamilton My Turn WHEN IS ENOUGH ENOUGH?



All of our children--native born and immigrant alike--are receiving a poorer education as a result of the federal government passing the cost of its immigration law enforcement failures to the states. The implications for the coming generation of workers, our future economy, and our long-term competitiveness in the world cannot be ignored.

Illegal immigration is a drain on our schools, roads, and other public resources. Many pay little or no income taxes. *Illegal immigrants* are in this nation via illegal means and that makes them criminals by law. Our schools roads parks and hospitals were created and built with tax payer money. Secure our borders and end this seemingly endless flow of illegal aliens. Wean big business off of cheap labor.Its just too costly for legal Americans.

In California \$12 billion dollars are spent each year on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally. It isn't even necessary to quote facts and figures about government debt, unemployment and the trade deficit in order to convey how badly America is decaying.

The truth is that millions of Americans can watch America rotting right in front of their eyes by stepping out on their front porches. Record numbers of homes have been foreclosed on and in some of the most run down cities as many as a third of all houses have been abandoned.

Unemployment remains at depressingly high levels and the number of Americans on food stamps continue to set new records month after month. Due to severe budget cuts, class sizes are exploding and school programs are being eliminated. In some areas of the U.S. schools are even going to four day weeks.

With little to no funding available, bridges are crumbling and street lights are being turned off in many communities. In some areas, asphalt roads are actually being ground up and turned back into gravel roads because they are less expensive to maintain.

There aren't even as many police available to patrol America's decaying cities because budget problems have forced local communities across the U.S. to lay off tens of thousands of officers.

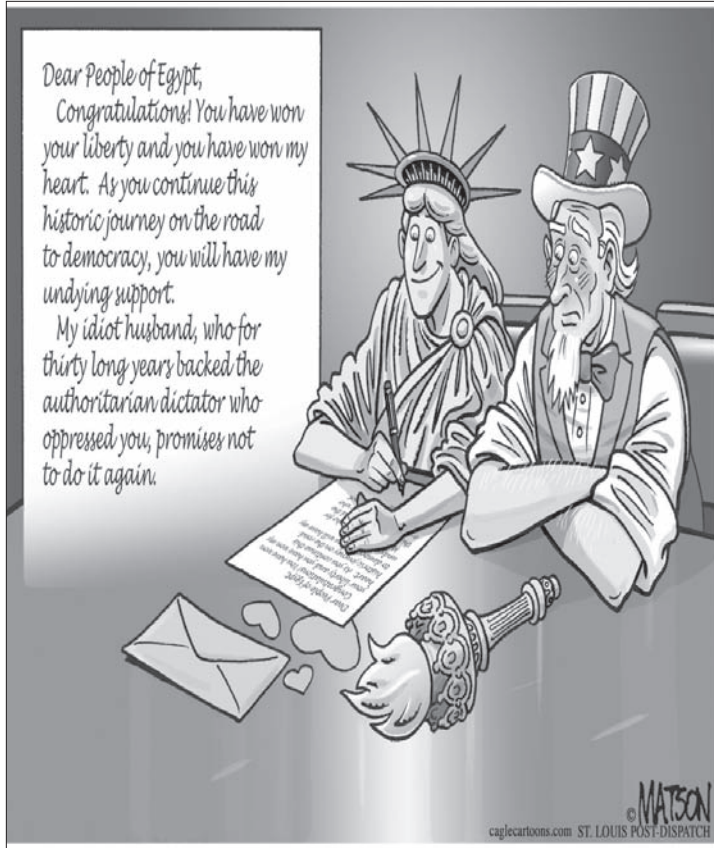
Due to extreme budget cuts, school systems across the United States are requiring their students to bring more supplies with them than ever this year. In Moody, Alabama elementary school students are being told to bring paper towels, garbage bags and liquid soap with them to school. At Pauoa Elementary School in Honolulu, Hawaii all students are being required to show up with a four-pack of toilet paper. School districts can no longer afford to give free supplies to poor student. Where they are available, they are being purchased by teachers.

According to the American Association of School Administrators, 48 percent of all U.S. school districts are reporting budget cuts of 10 percent or less for the upcoming school year, and 30 percent of all U.S. school districts are reporting cuts of 11 to 25 percent.

If the federal government remains unwilling to undertake serious enforcement of United States immigration laws, it will eventually be forced to provide massive federal education funds to the states. A far more logical and cost-effective alternative--and one with considerable pay-offs in other areas as well--would be to substantially reduce and eventually eliminate illegal immigration.

I believe that all government aid to *illegal immigrants* needs to be stopped immediately, including but not limited to free schooling, free ERs, food stamps, subsidized housing, all aid. Companies and individuals should be stopped from hiring illegal immigrants. If need be heavy fines and loss of business licenses could be used to enforce our immigration laws.

Without a serious commitment to doing just that, the open borders and lax enforcement that allow millions of illegal aliens to enter the U.S. each year--and obtain driver's licenses and other official identification documents with virtually no fear of the law--will continue to undermine confidence of our government, overburden our communities' financial resources, and imperil our children's future.



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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

NASA Finds Earth-Size Planet Candidates In Habitable Zone, Six Planet System

NASA's Kepler mission has discovered its first Earth-size planet candidates and its first candidates in the habitable zone, a region where liquid water could exist on a planet's surface. Five of the potential planets are near Earth-size and orbit in the habitable zone of smaller, cooler stars than our Sun.

Candidates require follow-up observations to verify they are actual planets. Kepler also found six confirmed planets orbiting a Sun-like star, Kepler-11. This is the largest group of transiting planets orbiting a single star yet discovered outside our solar system.

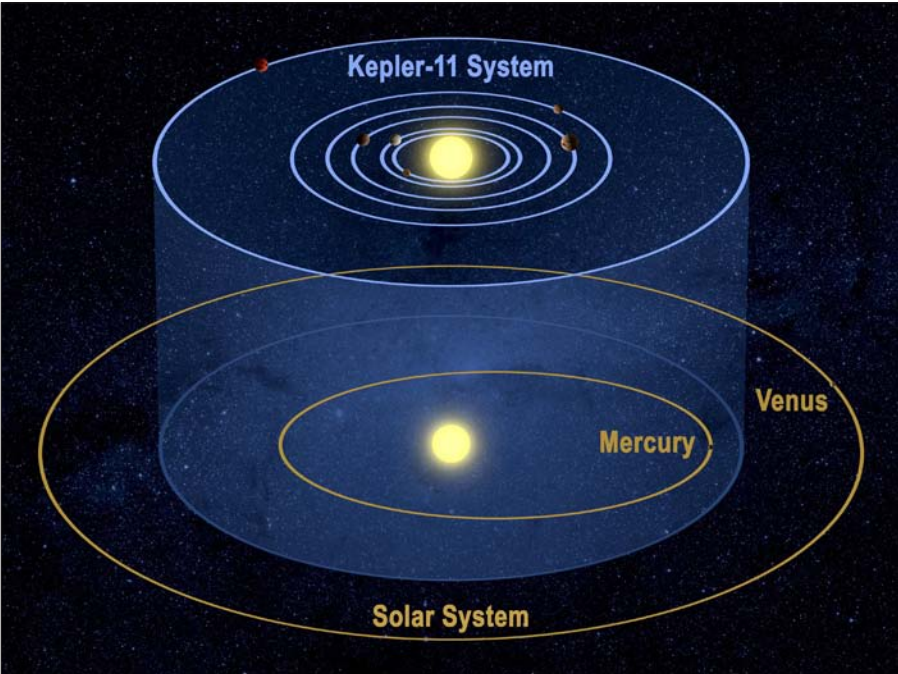
"In one generation we have gone from extraterrestrial planets being a mainstay of science fiction, to the present, where Kepler has helped turn science fiction into today's reality," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden. "These discoveries underscore the importance of NASA's science missions, which consistently increase understanding of our place in the cosmos."

The discoveries are part of several hundred new planet candidates identified in new Kepler mission science data, released Feb. 1. The findings increase the number of planet candidates identified by Kepler to-date to 1,235. Of these, 68 are approximately Earth-size; 288 are super-Earth-size; 662 are Neptune-size; 165 are the size of Jupiter and 19 are larger than Jupiter.

Of the 54 new planet candidates found in the habitable zone, five are near Earth-sized. The remaining 49 habitable zone candidates range from super-Earth size -- up to twice the size of Earth - to larger than Jupiter.

The findings are based on the results of observations conducted May 12 to Sept. 17, 2009, of more than 156,000 stars in the Kepler telescope's field of view, which covers approximately 1/400 of the sky.

"The fact that we've found so many planet candidates in such a



This artist's conception shows the Kepler-11 planetary system and our solar system from a tilted perspective to demonstrate that the orbits of each lie on similar planes. Image credit: NASA/Tim Pyle

tiny fraction of the sky suggests there are countless planets orbiting Sun-like stars in our galaxy," said William Borucki of NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., the mission's science principal investigator. "We went from zero to 68 Earth-sized planet candidates and zero to 54 candidates in the habitable zone, some of which could have moons with liquid water."

Among the stars with planetary candidates, 170 show evidence of multiple planetary candidates. Kepler-11, located approximately 2,000 light years from Earth, is the most tightly packed planetary system yet discovered. The Kepler-11 findings were published in the Feb. 3 issue of the journal Nature.

Kepler, a space telescope, looks for planet signatures by measuring tiny decreases in the brightness of stars caused by planets crossing in front of them. This is known as a transit.

Since transits of planets in the habitable zone of Sun-like stars occur about once a year and require three transits for verification, it is expected to take three years to locate and verify Earth-size planets orbiting Sun-like stars.

The Kepler science team uses ground-based telescopes and the Spitzer Space Telescope to review observations on planetary candidates and other objects of interest the spacecraft finds. The star field that Kepler observes in the constellations Cygnus and Lyra can only be seen from ground-based observatories in spring through early fall. The data from these other observations help determine which candidates can be validated as planets.

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Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding were the jobs are located and how to get pass the "gate-keepers". As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering you questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

Q: I spend between 10 and 20 hours a week applying on-line and sending out resumes to about 20 employers with no results! What am I doing wrong? Unemployed and desperate

A: Dear Unemployed and desperate:

There could be numerous and various reasons. So, I am going to answer your question based on the information that you have given me. "It's a job looking for a job"! You have probably heard this or read it somewhere. It is true. You probably worked 35-40 hours a week for your previous employer and the reward on payday was money. Now, it is time to work for you. You should increase the time you spend job searching to at least 40 hours a week. This will result in you finding and applying for more job opportunities and increase your chances of being contacted by employers. Your payday will be getting an interview and hopefully a job.

Q: Everyone thinks I have a great job and work for a wonderful company. I hate my company. I hate my job. I hate what I do. What do I do? Miserable

A: Dear Miserable:


It's time you find out what you would like to do. Employment should be enjoyment. Start by identifying what you really enjoy. This could be an activity, volunteer work, a hobby or something that you enjoy doing with your free time. Look for a company or industry that is this area. Re-write your resume and focus on your skills, experience and education that will target your new interest and objective. Devote time and a lot of energy in your new job search. You will be surprise how many companies you will find and the type of positions that will be open to you. 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year for the next 30-40 years doing something you hate does not make a happy person or sense. Finding out what you like to do will result in finding the right company, the right job and being happily employed.

Q: I am being told that I dress inappropriate for job interviews. I have my own personal and unique style of dressing and refuse to change it. Stylish.

A: Dear Stylish:

I would suggest that you research the company culture before applying for employment or accepting interviews. This can be achieved by searching the company on the internet, reading trade magazines, talking with employees, sitting outside the company and observing employees entering and exiting the building or asking the person who contacted you for the interview. You can not change a company's culture. Find employment with a company that matches with your style of dressing. They do exist.

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SQUIRREL SIMPLICITY

This past week in Sierra Madre was indeed a dog-walker's dream! The weather has been absolutely gorgeous, the trees are either baring succulent fruit or budding with a variety of brilliant colors, and there are countless birds flying and squirrels scampering about from one tree top to another, everywhere you look. Let's face it, living in Sierra Madre (especially this time of year) is more than a little bit of heaven. With nature taking it's course in such a gracious way these days, I am pleased to say that I have experienced a renewed awareness and appreciation for my surroundings and for life in general. Let me put it to you this way; right now it would be a tough task for me to find a reason to complain, and after all who wants to hear it any way?

One of the things that inspired me most in a relatively epic way this past week, was observing a couple of squirrels chasing each other over the branches of the huge avocado tree in my front yard. The fact is, I see squirrels nearly every day, running to and fro over the massive tree canopies and gallantly scaling the power lines in our community. I always enjoy watching them, but there are times when I get so used to seeing them, that I must confess I take them for granted and barely notice they are there. For whatever reason, the two squirrels I saw scurrying about in my front yard last week reminded me of how fortunate I truly am and that life is indeed good! Those squirrels were having a great time. It was as though there was some kind of party going on in that tree, that only they had been invited to. They were somewhat startled when I emerged from the back yard gate, and approached their "playground" but I stood very still and quiet for a moment, and soon they resumed their raucous routine of frolicking, chattering and flicking their big bushy tails. As I stood there, spying like some kind of voyeur for several minutes, I thought to myself, "these little guys 'get it'!" Slowly but surely, I snuck closer and sat beneath the tree, watching those cute little critters balance and bounce on the boughs above me and before I knew it, I noticed that I had tears running down my cheeks. At first I couldn't figure out why I was crying, until I realized how long it had been since I had spent that much time just sitting quiet and still, observing the activity of nature around me. I spend most of my time telling myself to "keep moving", and "get things done", but there is always more to do. As I attempt to stay mobile on the "treadmill" of life, I end up frustrated, ultimately forfeiting the freedom of the celebration. What good is that? It is a human way of thinking and a human way of life, not to mention it is my way of asphyxiating on tasks that may or may not really matter. That is not the way a squirrel lives it's life. How can I let myself stress out over the simplest things in life when as a human I am in full control of my own schedule, I shop at a grocery store where my food is delivered to me, I don't even have to take part in the pre-requisite farming, planting, slaughtering, and packaging process of what keeps me alive. As a human, I have more advantages than any other creature on earth, yet I am capable of fretting and worrying in lieu of really living, the way squirrels do! The squirrel must forage for his own food, and when he is not foraging or hiding is bounty away for a later season, he is protecting the nest that he made of sticks and leaves, from predators and strong winds, yet he still finds time to celebrate life! The squirrel keeps it simple!

My dad was a missionary who held numerous speaking engagements throughout the southeast region of the US. As the youngest of 7 children, I got to travel with him quite a lot while my siblings were in school or working. I remember one of the acronyms dad used in many of his presentations; it was "K.I.S.S.", which stood for "Keep it simple, stupid!" Although that may seem less than user-friendly or conventional in terms of semantics for a speech, the meaning is definitely clear. That silly sounding acronym somehow came to mind during my epiphany beneath tree and it was a very humbling moment for me. I believe that God speaks to us through His creatures and creations, and boy did He ever deliver a message to me that day! We all have responsibilities and commitments that may seem overwhelming at times, and we all have different ways of dealing with stress, but I feel it is important to take the time to be silent and observant, and enjoy the therapeutic virtues of nature. While the squirrel may seem like a pest to some, because it steals fruit from the tree, I say it can also act as a messenger, delivering a very important lesson from the Maker, to teach those of us who need to re-learn how to appreciate and enjoy life, simply like a squirrel!


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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

IS IT REALLY BROKEN?



It has been reported that the White House will seek sweeping laws enabling law enforcement to more easily eavesdrop on communications traffic on the web. In these times rapidly-changing technology the administration argues that it needs these new powers in order to keep pace and that modern digital systems aren't as easy to monitor as traditional telephones. The government wants communications companies to redesign their systems and information networks to more easily facilitate surveillance, and to provide law enforcement with back doors that enable them to bypass existing security measures.

These requests may seem extreme but they are hardly unique. Just recently the governments of the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and India threatened to ban BlackBerry devices unless Research In Motion (the company that created the BlackBerry and runs the service) gave those respective governments access to their encrypted communications. It is also hardly a secret that China has already built a massive internet surveillance system to better monitor and control its citizens.

Once only seen in Eastern Bloc countries, this wholesale surveillance of citizens has moved into the democratic world as well. Governments like Sweden, Canada and the United Kingdom are on the verge of passing laws giving their police forces new powers of

surveillance, in many cases requiring communications system providers to redesign products and services they sell. A large number of countries are also passing data retention laws, forcing ISP's and retail companies to retain customer data in for future forensic purposes.


This administration is hardly the first to seek expanded authority for digital eavesdropping. One law required telephone companies to better facilitate backdoor access into their digital phone switches and since the beginning of the "War on Terror", the NSA has built quite the substantial eavesdropping systems within the United States.

Measures such as these can often be very dangerous for citizens of all countries. The very notion of requiring private companies to redesign their communications products and services in order to facilitate government eavesdropping shows the extent to which the drive for more security actually results in a lowered security profile in the long and short run. Communications systems designed with the no backdoor capabilities are on their face more secure than systems with those capabilities built in.

While the need for our legitimate security agencies to keep pace with the latest technological threats to our safety is very real, we must be sure that we don't make the mistake of fixing something that isn't broken.

KATIE TseThis and That


HAVE FOOD, WILL TRAVEL



So, my husband and I are driving to the swank open house of my friend's newly rebuilt theatre (Mosaic Lizard, Alhambra!), when suddenly we come upon a mob of people queuing up to a bright yellow-orange truck. They're mostly young, and all of them are completely absorbed with their mobile devices. As we pass, my husband tells me that it is none other than the famed Grilled Cheese Truck! I need to put out a disclaimer before we go any further. I am not a foodie or a techie. I don't tweet or do facebook. I am the epitome of unhip.

As square as I am, I haven't escaped the food truck craze that has spawned everything from cupcake carts to waffle wagons. Some trucks specialize in one thing (shaved ice, crepes, hot dogs), but most have recognized the need to diversify their menu and services if they want to keep up with the fierce competition. It's not enough just to serve food these days; you have to cater office parties, too. Several trucks boast greasy fried fare. A lot of them, however, claim to be organic, sustainable, and green, which makes me wonder if their vehicles are electric. Emitting diesel fumes between stops seems like it would cancel out their environmental efforts.

Though visiting a food truck might damage my solidly unhip image, I must say a couple deli trucks I looked up have some good-looking pastrami sandwiches (if Philippe's ever launches a food truck I will be a devoted follower!). My husband joked that he is holding out for the truck that serves Kobe beef prime rib sliders. You know they've gone too far when they start peddling foie gras. Oh wait, I just found one! (You can try their cheese tasting for \$45 per person; they have caviar, too.) Somehow the idea of eating foie gras off a paper plate in the middle of the street



seems to diminish the elegance of the dish. I didn't find a truck that has Kobe sliders, but I'm sure they're out there somewhere.

Despite my unwillingness to shell out \$45 for a plate of cheese, I think it's my inherent technological incompetency that makes me unable to appreciate the draw of the food trucks. I suppose the idea is that, after you tweet that you've fantastically found the latest popular food truck, you have to take a picture or video of yourself high-fiving the cooks or biting into a grilled provolone smoked salmon ciabatta. Then you post these on the Internet as vital evidence of your most recent participation in the food truck revolution. (Oh look! On foursquare your friend just checked in two blocks away at that new Vietnamese-Mediterranean fusion truck! He tweeted, "You gotta try the lamb pho and feta spring rolls! See pic of fish ball gyro sandwich!").

Everyone knows these highfalutin trucks have their humble origins in the taco truck, an icon in Southern California --and probably the rest of the country as well. (This might explain why I was able to find a truck for almost any cuisine under the sun except Mexican food.) The taco trucks of old are still with us, and no doubt their fare is just as good, and you don't even have to wait behind a long line of hipsters with iphones!

One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them* Story By Chris Bertrand

Stunning Cape Cod Estate Perched Atop Raymond Hill



Enjoy a pleasant drive winding up up and up above Cal State Fullerton to a private gated compound of three estate homes on Raymond Hill. As the gate slowly opens, you'll crest the ridge and slowly turn a corner to reveal this hidden jewel with miles of views.

Built in 2004, this 5697 square foot, Cape Cod estate combines crisp white detailing with the warm toasty hues of

the traditional cedar shingled exterior of the Cape Cod style. The three car garage is tucked at the back of the driveway, thus preserving the architectural lines of the home.

A covered porch opens to an elegant, double door, two story foyer. Walnut finish, hardwood flooring creates a perfect complement for the intricate detailing of the crisp white painted millwork and triple crown molding. A gorgeous staircase ascends to the second floor, which features a gallery overlook from above.

The eye is drawn from the foyer through to the formal living room's far wall, with graceful French doors flanked by heavy lined, full length silk draperies puddled softly at the floor. A large fireplace is the focal point of another wall, and a separate set of double French doors open from the living room into the sumptuous office, for added natural light and to extend the entertainment traffic flow for large events.

The office offers its own fireplace, a wall of cherry finished bookcases, and a wall dedicated to a work station surrounded by custom built-ins for display and storage. The adjacent dining room is ample to seat a dinner party of ten or twelve, and also includes its own fireplace, as well. A step down, brick wine cave, located in the dining room, can be secured by its wrought iron door.


The kitchen, casual dining room and family room all enjoy beautiful views of the valley below, including fireworks from Disneyland! Decorated once again in crisp white, the three rooms are all open to one another for comfortable casual living. Glass doors from the family room, kitchen and casual dining room open directly to the generous front yard, for entertaining and relaxation. Perfect for the indoor to outdoor Southern California lifestyle!

In a private wing next to the garage entry on the main level, a bedroom suite with a private bath and its own exterior entrance. This arrangement is perfect for live in staff, guests or extended family. Four additional bedrooms suites plus a huge bonus or game room, with wet bar, are located on the second floor. The master suite includes a rotunda entrance, and opens to some of the best views in the home. French doors open here to a generous, private balcony, not only enjoying the views, but the lush additional landscaped area across the drive.

The master bath is a study in white marble. Two separated sink areas allow for each person to spread out without infringing on the other. A huge, oversized walk-in shower includes a plate glass surround. Dual walk in closets also include built ins.

1803 Vista Lomitas Drive, Fullerton, was just listed for \$2,650,000. The home's .53 acre location is prime; very close to Coyote Hills Golf Club, about a mile above Cal State Fullerton. Contact the listing agent, Mary Norah, of Dilbeck Realtors in Arcadia, at 626 688-1727. More information





**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**
by Luther Tsinoglou

**PROTECT YOUR
HOME AND YOUR
WALLET**

If you own or plan to purchase a home, then you know that insurance is not just a luxury, it's a requirement. While you should not skimp on certain coverage items, there are some steps you can take to reduce your overall premium.

If you have a security system installed (and operating!), you might lower your premium by 5% or more. You'll just need to provide your insurer with a copy of your contract or latest statement. Also, while newer homes have smoke alarms already installed, hooking them up in an older home might also reduce your premium by as much as 10%.

Just like health or auto insurance, if you increase your deductible on homeowners insurance, you'll reduce your premium. Just be sure you're prepared to pocket smaller repairs like broken windows or damages from leaks.

If your policy is held by a company that also offers auto or health insurance, look into discounts for multiple policies. You could save a percentage on both your homeowners and auto policies, for example.

Another money (and time and stress) saver is to document everything in your home with a photographic inventory. Store photos, cds or videos in a fireproof box or, preferably, a safe deposit box off site, better yet, look into online back-up services. This will reduce the time and effort required to complete a claim, and guarantee an accurate replacement payment.

Luther Tsinoglou has just been named the top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2009, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com.

CAMELLIA SOCIETIES HOST SHOWS AT DESCANSO GARDENS

Enjoy the flowers, get expert advice on plant care

Got a camellia you can't identify? Think you have a prize-winning bloom? Want some expert advice on growing beautiful flowers? Then come to a camellia show at Descanso Gardens.

Camellia shows are great places to meet enthusiastic plant fans and to get real-world advice for making your own garden shine. Local camellia societies have two shows planned in coming weeks at Descanso Gardens. The public is invited to submit flowers for judging during the bloom placement portion of the shows. Entrance to camellia shows is free with Gardens admission.

The Southern California Camellia Council Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27. The council is made up of representatives of all the camellia societies in Southern California. Blooms placement is 7 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by judging. The show is open to the public from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Pacific Camellia Society Late Bloomers Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13. Bloom placement is 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by judging. The show is open to the public from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Find details at www.pacificcamellias.org

About Descanso Gardens: Established as a public garden in 1954, Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, near the interchange of the 2 and 210 freeways. The Gardens are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day. Parking is free. Admission fees are \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors and students with I.D.; \$3 for children 5 to 12, and free for members and children 4 and younger. Fees for classes and programs include Gardens admission. For information, call (818) 949-4200 or visit www.descansogardens.org. Descanso Gardens is accredited by the American Association of Museums.



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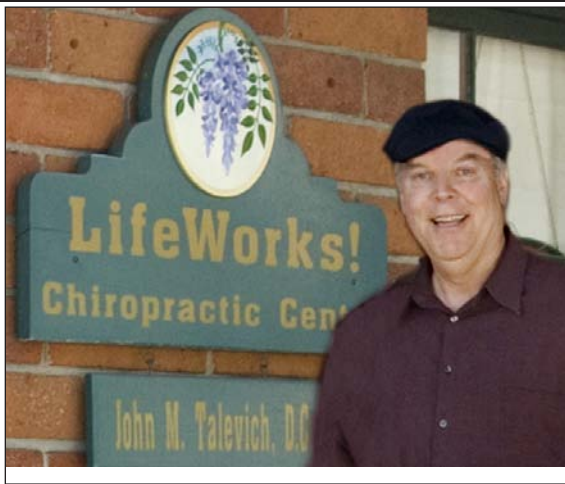
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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

Treating The Person, Treating The Condition



Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

The better that we, as practitioners, understand how various conditions develop, the more effective our treatment outcomes will be. With diagnostic tools such as MRI's, CAT scans and sophisticated lab procedures, we know more about the inner workings of the patient than ever before. This allows for precise treatment of a variety of health challenges. The consensus is that if we can continue to develop even better protocols for diagnosis and treatment of disease, we will eliminate or dramatically reduce its occurrence. While this is a worthy goal, it may be only part of the picture.

Involving the Patient

Dean Ornish, M.D., author of many books on the prevention and reversal of heart disease, uses a simple example to demonstrate the importance of the doctor-patient-community model:

Illness vs. Wellness

It is his belief that, in order for lasting results to be realized, the patient must come to some level of awakening regarding his or her condition. In the process of discovering oneself, the healing is complete. This approach places the treatment of the individual over the treatment of the condition, while not excluding the latter.

Here, You Fix It

To be fair, when we pay someone to help alleviate our suffering, we expect something in return for our money: we expect results. According to a recent article in *Consumer Reports* magazine, 79% of patients felt that their doctors delivered on this expectation, while only 37% of the doctors felt they had. The percentage of patient satisfaction dropped to 31% when it came to treating fibromyalgia, headaches, back pain, depression, anxiety and immune system disorders. What this suggests is that there may be a point in certain disorders where patient involvement can make all the difference. In his book *Shopcraft vs. Soulcraft*, Matthew B. Crawford describes how, after leaving the corporate world and opening a motorcycle shop in Berkeley, he became clear on one thing: he did not design or manufacture the bikes that were placed in his charge. It became necessary to approach each bike with the perspective that he could work with the bike as well as on it.

Partnering

The vehicle, the package, that we came in, is unique. We have a mysterious, miraculous, self-correcting mechanism within this package. This mechanism also contains within it the instructions on how to fix it. We have only to learn its language and seek the assistance of those who can help us discover and interpret it.

Have a healthy week! Dr. John

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INCOME TAX TIME

Don Brunner will be volunteering his time once again to assist seniors with filing their 2010 tax return. The service is free but appointments are necessary.

Every Wednesday - February 9th to April 6th

1 pm to 2 pm

Hart Park House / Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre (in Memorial Park). Please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394 to make an appointment.

MORE SIERRA MADRE SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Sierra Madre Library is offering a new program to homebound persons in Sierra Madre called "Titles To Go" - Where volunteers bring the library to you! For more information, please call Ana Valencia at (626) 355-7186.

• Sierra Madre Aquatic Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., will be open for spring lap swimmers & walkers starting March 14 through June 12. Hours: 12 noon to 2 pm (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday) and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Tuesday & Wednesday). Cost is \$100 per person for a spring pass (no daily admission). This is a great opportunity for low impact exercise in a heated pool. For more information, please call (626) 355-5278.

• The Community & Personnel Services Department and Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is excited to take part in a senior outreach partnership with Royal Oaks Retirement Community and St. Rita Senior Ministry. This partnership will reach out to all seniors of Sierra Madre and nearby communities who would like to attend any and all functions. The first FREE event will take place on: Sunday, February 27th at St. Rita Parish-O'Malley Hall, 318 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre 1:30 - 2:00 Meet, Greet & Light Refreshments 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Steven C. Castle, M.D. "Aging Gracefully: The Medical Perspective" Dr. Castle is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. He is Professor of Medicine at UCLA and Division Chief of Geriatrics at the VA of Greater Los Angeles.

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Activities:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
 Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.
 MENU BELOW

Monday: City Hall & Hart Park House/ Senior Center Closed on February 21

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
- 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesday:

- 2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
- 5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:

- 11 -11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- Free Income Tax assistance - 1 pm to 2 pm. For an appointment, please call 355-7394
- 2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
- Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursday:

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.
- 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-52

Friday: City Hall Closed on February 11 & 25

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

Saturday:

11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm. The Senior Club always welcomes new members (\$5 membership dues per year) so please stop by to learn more.



Sponsor Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month for your chance to win these special prizes.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
Sierra Madre City Hall
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Sierra Madre Library

LUNCH & LEARN

Join the Senior Community Commission at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House / Senior Center for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation by calling (626) 355-0256 by 12 noon the day before.

Wednesday, February 23rd - Join Sierra Madre Library's archivist, Debbie Henderson, as she gives a special presentation on Sierra Madre - Then & Now! Lunch begins at 12 noon & the presentation will start at 12:20 pm

Recipe of the Week:

Pan-Seared Pork Tenderloin with Rosemary Balsamic and Orange Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

PORK

- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated orange zest
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary leaves
- 2 1/2 pounds pork tenderloins, trimmed
- Rosemary Balsamic and Orange Pan Sauce*
- 1 large shallot, minced
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth or stock
- 3 tbsp cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

PAN SAUCE

- 2 to 3 tablespoons minced shallot or onion
- 1/2 cup wine
- 1/2 cup low-sodium broth or stock
- 3 tbsp cold unsalted butter or heavy cream
- Vinegar or lemon juice, to taste
- Fresh herbs or other aromatics
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Mix 3 tablespoons olive oil, freshly ground black pepper, salt, orange zest, and minced rosemary in a small bowl. Rub the oil mixture all over the trimmed pork tenderloins and place them in a large baking dish. Cover and let the pork marinate 20 minutes.

Heat the remaining 3 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork and sear, cooking until browned on all sides. Remove the pork tenderloins from the skillet and place into an oven-safe dish; cover. Roast the pork until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the meat reads about 145 degrees F, about 15 minutes.

For the pan sauce: Pour off the majority of the cooking fat leaving any browned bits in the pan. Heat the pan over medium-high heat and add the shallot and the wine. Continue cooking until most of the wine has cooked off, scraping the browned bits off the bottom of the pan.

Add the broth and continue cooking until the sauce has reduced by half. Remove from the heat. Stir in the butter, 1 piece at a time, until fully incorporated.

Stir in vinegar, rosemary, orange zest, salt, and pepper, to taste. Let the pork rest for 10 minutes before slicing. Drizzle sauce on pork.



February Birthdays

Aliye "Allie" Atay, Ursula El-Tawansy, Susan Henderson, Sylvia Lorhan, Ann Luke, Janet "Jan" O'Day, Hilda Pittman, Ana Ptasinshi, Jannene "Jan" Reed, Winifred Swanson, Lorraine Bush

FEBRUARY EXCURSION

February 17th - Bower's Museum - Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World - join us as we travel to Santa Ana to take a special tour of this exhibit which includes an original of the 1776 "Pennsylvania Constitution" as well as explore the museum. Cost is \$21 per person for transportation & the tour (lunch will be on your own at the museum). 9 am to 3:30 pm To register, please visit the Senior Center or go online to www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration.



Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend). Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 or Darlene Traxler at (626) 355-0256 for more information.

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WHALE WATCHING

Saturday, March 12th

9 am to 4 pm; \$25

We are using a NEW boat company & the excursion will be narrated by an Aquarium of the Pacific staff member.

Lunch Café — February Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch is served at 12 noon, please arrive by 11:45 am	1 Chicken Soup & Roast Pork	2 Creamy Squash Soup & Chicken	3 Vegetable Soup & Sub Sandwich	4 Albondigas Soup & Steak Picada
7 Beef Stew with Potatoes	8 Birthday Cake Lentil Soup with Salmon or Beef	9 Bean Soup & BBQ Pork Ribblet	10 Broccoli Soup & Roast Turkey	11 Potato Soup & Spaghetti
14 Valentine's Day Italian Wedding Soup & Chicken	15 Corn Soup & Tuna Salad	16 Squash Soup & Pot Roast	17 Tomato Soup with Salmon or Pork	18 Chicken Soup & Cheeseburger
21 Presidents' Day CENTER CLOSED	22 Bean Soup & Salisbury Steak	23 Albondigas Soup & Tostada Salad	24 Tomato Soup & Sweet/Sour Pork	25 Minestrone Soup & Roast Turkey
28 Squash Soup & Oven Fried Chicken	 <i>Washington</i>	 <i>Lincoln</i>	 <i>Jefferson</i>	 <i>Roosevelt</i>

**All meals also include low fat milk, whole grain roll with margarine and dessert (fresh fruit or pie). Also, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month the Café hosts a special "Birthdays of the Month" party with cake & ice cream.

FIRST TEE RECEIVES \$6,600 GRANT FROM WELLS FARGO!

The First Tee of Pasadena received a \$6,600 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation to assist with expanding The First Tee's "Mulligan Program" which addresses the needs of challenged students. Mark Fritz, Program Director, said it best: "We would like to thank the Wells Fargo Foundation. This grant will assist The First Tee of Pasadena in addressing the needs of challenged students who would like to experience a "do-over" in their lives by focusing their attention on the positive choices they can make in their own lives. Through The First Tee's "Mulligan Program," students will learn how to apply positive core values into their own lives. These positive core values are classified as The First Tee Nine Core Values, which include honesty, integrity, responsibility, perseverance, respect, sportsmanship, courtesy, judgment, and confidence."



The First Tee of Pasadena has been impacting the lives of Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley youth by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life enhancing values through the game of golf. With facilities at Brookside, Altadena, Arroyo Seco and Glen Oaks (Glendora) golf courses, the First Tee of Pasadena has grown from an initial enrollment of 62 participants at Brookside Golf Course in 2006 to serving over 3,000 San Gabriel Valley youth in core and outreach programs. Through the life lessons taught through the game of golf, students learn ways to improve their own self-esteem, and develop strategies for making choices in their own lives. It is not just a sport; it is an opportunity to teach some very powerful life skills to youth. Ultimately, these lessons will be ones they carry with them for the rest of their lives.

For more information about The First Tee of Pasadena and its many programs, please visit www.thefirstteepasadena.org or call Mark Fritz at 626-543-4708.

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HOW TO PLAY A DOWNHILL LIE



When you stop to think about what area of your golf game you should work on you don't often think about the different trouble shots. You spend time at the practice facility working on your full swing and you might spend some time on your putting. However you rarely think about uneven lies, flop shots, deep rough or punch shots.

I have put together some valuable information on two Trouble Shots that I know will play a big role in you lowering your handicap [Note: for expert and in-depth video lessons by Bobby Eldridge from PurePoint Golf click here].

The Arc

You see the reason the ball going downhill lie is so difficult is because we swing the golf club on an arc. The arc has to have a bottom to it so you can find the bottom of the golf ball. When

you address the golf ball on level ground the bottom of the golf club can swing up and down on the arc and return to the bottom of the golf ball, there is turf under the golf ball.

When you address a golf ball going downhill there isn't any turf under the golf ball. The ground goes away from the ball. When you swing the golf club on arc and return to the golf ball the turf goes away from you. There isn't any turf for the golf club to swing into.

You have to compensate so you can find the bottom of the ball.

Finding the Bottom of the Ball

The next problem is as big as the first one. You not only have to find the bottom of the golf ball, you have to make sure it goes up in the air.

There are four degrees of loft between all of my irons. If I am 150 yards from the green on a downhill slope of 8 degrees I am going to have a difficult time hitting the green with this shot. When I am standing 150 yards from the green I have to hit a shot that has enough loft so the ball will stop when it hits the green. I usually hit a 7 iron from 150 yards; in this case my 7 iron has the loft of my 5 iron. I have to drop down and take my 8 or 9 iron. Because the 8 and 9 irons are shorter than the 7 they will not perform like a 7.

When you have long downhill lies that won't reach the green that usually isn't a problem. Anytime you have a chip, pitch or full swing shot that can reach the green that is when the trouble begins.

So let's spend some time with the technique of hitting a downhill shot.

As soon as the golf club reaches the bottom of the arc it has to swing level along the ground before it can come back up. In other words the arc has to be longer than normal.

Stand to the Slope

The reason you have to stand to the slope is to make sure the golf club swings UP in the backswing and DOWN in the downswing. If the slope is severe enough you have to make sure you do not transfer any weight going back in the backswing.

Now comes the secret. You have to make sure at the bottom of the hit that you follow through LOW, follow through along the slope. You do not have to worry about finishing high. You have to keep the club head low to the ground so you can make solid impact and not top of scull the golf ball.

You might have the feeling of chasing the golf ball down the fairway. Two other items to remember when you are going downhill, the golf ball will not stop and you will have tendency to slice or push the golf ball to the right.

About the Author: Bobby Eldridge is the head pro at PurePoint Golf and has given over 70,000 golf lessons. With his in depth expert knowledge he has released a number hugely popular Golf Instructional DVDs. His teachings cover everything from improving your drive, your short game, your putting and a lot more. If any part of your game needs some fixing you should go to www.igolffixes.com



BISHOP AMAT DEFEATS LASALLE 1-0



LaSalle High School's Girls Varsity Soccer Team suffered a 1-0 defeat to Bishop Amat on Thursday despite their best efforts. The LaSalle Junior Varsity team managed to hold Bishop Amat at bay with a tie game 0-0 earlier in the day. Photo by John Blackstock



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For additional information on Sierra Madre Little League, please see our website: www.smll.org.

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PGA CHAMPION STEVE ELKINGTON TO CONDUCT FREE GOLF CLINIC



Steve Elkington at the 2009 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits

Steve Elkington, ten time PGA tour winner and winner of the 1995 PGA Championship at Riviera Country Club, will be conducting a free golf clinic on the first tee at Brookside Golf Club on Tuesday February 15th. Sign in is at 3:30pm with the clinic beginning at 4:00pm. Elk, as he is known, is widely recognized as having the best swing on the tour. Incredibly entertaining and wick-edly funny, he was voted the best interviewee of all-time on The Jim Rome Show.

This free golf clinic is open to the public, with junior golfers from The First Tee of Pasadena

attending, however prior registration is required by emailing Tim Terwilliger at bobbyj30@aol.com. All participants are also encouraged to sign up for Steve Elkington's golf social network website <http://www.secretinthedirt.com>. A reception will follow immediately after the clinic.

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